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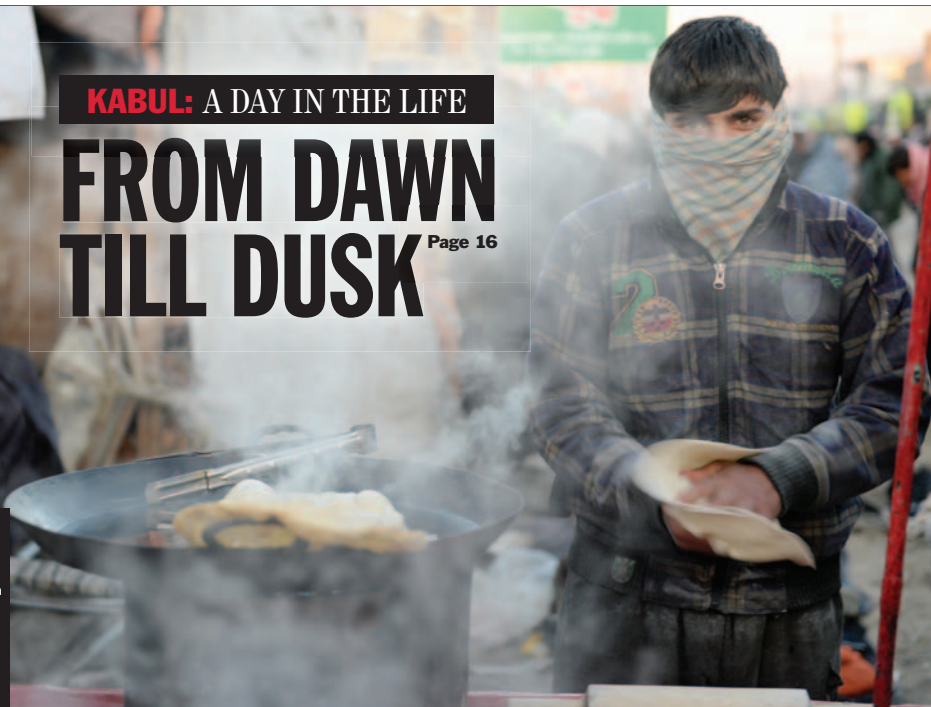
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**7:00 A.M.**

A man prepares dough for paratha, a fried bread often eaten for breakfast in Kabul, outside the city's main wholesale produce market.

HEATH DRUZIN  
Stars and Stripes



## Protesters seize Kiev post office, stand ground

By MARIA DANILOVA  
AND YURAS KARMANAU  
The Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine — Defiant Ukrainian protesters seized control of the capital's central post office Wednesday and stood their ground against riot police on the city's main square, a day after clashes that left at least 25 people dead and raised fears of prolonged violence.

The violence that also left hun-

dreds injured was the worst in nearly three months of anti-government protests that have paralyzed Kiev, Ukraine's capital. The opposition and President Viktor Yanukovich's government are locked in a stalemate over the identity of their nation of 46 million, which is divided in its loyalties between Russia and the West.

In an ominous development, Ukraine's top security agency accused protesters Wednesday of seizing hundreds of firearms

from its offices and announced a nationwide anti-terrorist operation to restore order. The Defense Ministry said the army could take part in the operation.

Demonstrators, meanwhile, forced their way into the post office on Independence Square, also known as the Maidan, after a nearby building they had previously occupied was burned down Tuesday in fierce, fiery clashes with riot police.

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An anti-government protester throws a stone during clashes with riot police in Independence Square, Kiev, Ukraine, on Wednesday.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

**"It was a mess.  
But I went through 9/11.  
Falling ice is nothing."**

— Mike McKenna, who works in New York, commenting on the chunks of ice that have fallen from 1 World Trade Center and other tall buildings — striking pedestrians below — this winter

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## MILITARY

# Soldier suspended after 'distasteful' funeral postings

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Just days after an Air Force POW/MIA photo scandal broke, a Wisconsin National Guard servicemember who posted controversial photos and comments regarding military funerals on social media has been removed from her duties pending the outcome of an ongoing investigation, the Wisconsin National Guard said in a press release Tuesday.

The photos and comments appeared on the Instagram page of Spc. Terry Harrison, a member of the Madison, Wis.-based 1st Battalion, 147th Aviation Regiment. Harrison has since been removed from the funeral detail indefinitely, according to the Wisconsin National Guard.

One of the photos shows a group of soldiers in Army Combat Uniforms, some posing disrespectfully around a flag-draped training casket, along with a caption that reads, "We put the FUN in funeral — your fearless honor guard from various states." The other photo shows Harrison in a car, and the comment below it reads, "It's so damn cold out. Why have a funeral outside? Somebody's getting that jacked up flag," suggesting that the family of a fallen servicemember would receive an unprofessionally presented American flag during the ceremony because of the poor weather.

Harrison is the only member of the Wisconsin National Guard who appears in the training casket photo. The other soldiers in the photo belong to other units, according to Maj. Paul Rickert, the Wisconsin National Guard's director of public affairs. Rickert said he does not know the identity of the other soldiers.

The Wisconsin National Guard described the photos and comments as "distasteful," and said the organization first became

aware of them late Monday. The images have gone viral on social media, and closely follow the discovery of another photo, showing an airman posing disrespectfully with a POW/MIA logo, which created a firestorm on the Internet.

The photos and comments do not portray any misconduct during the performance of actual military funeral honors. The group photo with the training casket was taken at the Professional Education Center, a National Guard training facility in North Little Rock, Ark., the Wisconsin National Guard said.

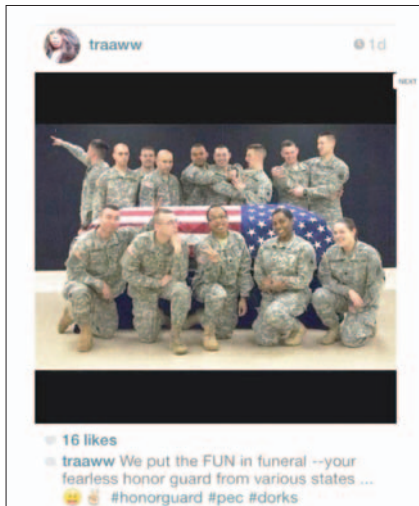
Mothers of fallen servicemembers took to the Internet to express their outrage over the photos and comments.

"We donated the casket our Lance came home to us in to the [National Guard] to use when they practice. So this is tearing me up," Tammy Eakes, a mother of National Guard soldier Sgt. Lance Oliver Eakes, who was killed in Iraq in 2008, said in a statement which appeared on the ChicagoNow blog Tuesday. "I hate they have belittled the Guard this way."

"They do not deserve the honor of serving our country. They certainly don't have the mind-set to carry a flag-covered coffin. I pray their families never have to accept a flag on behalf of the President of the United States," Karen Meredith, mother of 1st Lt. Ken Ballard, who was killed in action in Iraq 2004, said in a statement. "We GS (Gold Star) Moms are no wilting flowers. Do NOT disrespect our children, or there will be hell to pay!"

Rickert understands why people are offended, according to the news release.

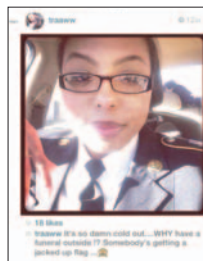
"The Wisconsin National Guard expects all soldiers who carry out this sacred detail to handle it with professionalism and honor ... A military funeral is the final



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Instagram

**Above: Wisconsin National Guard member Spc. Terry Harrison's Instagram post of soldiers mugging as they stand around a casket draped in a flag. Right: Harrison also posted this photo of herself with a caption suggesting that it was so cold at a military funeral that it would be hard to fold the flag draped over the casket.**



show of respect for our veterans and their families, and we take that solemn duty very seriously," Rickert said. "The very name 'military funeral honors' underscores the importance we ascribe — both as the military and society at large — to such solemn occasions. These photos and comments do not appear to align with those values."

Maj. Gen. Donald Dunbar, the Wisconsin adjutant general who ordered the investigation, said he was "appalled" by the photos and comments, and he finds them "offensive."

"We expect all of our soldiers and airmen to live by a core set of values, in word and deed," Dunbar said in the release.

Gen. Frank Grass, the Chief of the National Guard Bureau at the

Pentagon, has directed the Army National Guard to conduct its own investigation of the matter, he said in a statement.

"I am confident the Army National Guard will quickly resolve this matter and take swift and appropriate action," Grass said.

Harrison has received threats via social media and the National Guard has taken measures to ensure her safety, the Wisconsin National Guard said. She could not be reached by Stars and Stripes for comment.

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## MILITARY

# Fort Hood tears down site of 2009 massacre

By NOMAAN MERCHANT  
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Fort Hood has razed the building where a former psychiatrist carried out one of the worst mass shootings in U.S. history, with plans to put up trees and a memorial in its place.

Fort Hood officials said Tuesday that they've torn down Building 42003, the site of a 2009 massacre that left 13 people dead and more than 30 wounded.

The building was part of a processing center complex for soldiers deploying and returning from combat. On Nov. 5, 2009, then-Maj. Nidal Hasan carried two weapons inside, shouted "Allahu Akbar!" — "God is great" in Arabic — and opened fire on soldiers waiting for vaccines and paperwork.

As soldiers and civilians tried to take cover, Hasan walked through the building, targeting anyone in an Army uniform. He left pools of blood and spent ammunition in his wake. He was eventually confronted outside the building by Fort Hood police officers, who shot him and paralyzed him from the waist down.

Hasan was convicted in August of charges related to the mass-



FORT HOOD PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE/AP

**Fort Hood officials said Tuesday that they have torn down Building 42003, the site of a 2009 massacre that left 13 people dead and more than 30 wounded. They plan to place trees, a gazebo and a memorial plaque at the site.**

acre and sentenced to death. He is on death row at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., while his case goes through a review at Fort Hood before it enters a series of mandatory appeals.

The building was sealed off for nearly four years until post officials announced in November that they would demolish it.

Fort Hood officials, who declined to be interviewed, plan to place trees, a gazebo and a memorial plaque at the site.

Not all victims and their relatives agree with them. Kathy Platoni, an Army reservist who saw her friend, Capt. John Gaffaney, bleed to death, was one of the people who called on Fort Hood to keep the building standing as a reminder of what happened.

Platoni found out about the de-

molition Tuesday in a mass email from the post.

While post spokesman Chris Haug said he believed family members and victims were consulted about what to do with the site, Platoni said Army officials had not asked her opinion.

Platoni mentioned other points of contention between the Army and the Fort Hood victims, including a prolonged fight for increased benefits and recognition due to what many victims say is a terrorist attack, despite the Army's insistence that the shooting was an act of workplace violence.

"For the building in which this horrific event took place just to be wiped off the map before we have a say in what's done about it seems like another slap in the face," Platoni told The Associated Press Tuesday afternoon.

She described her shock at watching video of the building being torn down. Asked if the video provided any closure, she said no.

"I don't think there will be closure until Nidal Hasan has left the face of this earth, and even more importantly than that, the families of the deceased and the wounded receive all of the benefits (they deserve)," Platoni said. "Then there will be closure."

Kathy Platoni

an Army reservist who saw her friend, Capt. John Gaffaney, bleed to death

## Ex-Obama communications director named Pentagon's new media chief

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Brent Colburn, who served as the national communications director for President Barack Obama's 2012 re-election campaign, has been appointed assistant to the secretary of defense for Public Affairs, Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren announced Tuesday.

In that role, Colburn will oversee the Defense Department's messaging efforts and provision of information to the press and the American public. His appointment by the White House doesn't require Congressional approval, and he began his new job Tuesday, Warren said.

Colburn has been involved in Democratic politics for more than



Colburn

a decade, and his ties with Obama go back many years. For Obama's first presidential campaign in 2007 and 2008, he was the head of communications in the state of Michigan, which the President won. He was also the national spokesman on the 2009 Inauguration and the communications director for the 2013 Presidential Inaugural Committee.

He has worked for other Democratic politicians, including Michigan Sen. Debbie Stabenow, and

former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean during Dean's failed White House run in 2004.

Colburn has served as a communications leader for other government agencies, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security. Most recently, he was chief of staff at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

He earned a B.A. in Government and a Master's in Public Policy from the College of William and Mary.

Colburn has no military experience, but his father was a career Army officer who retired at the rank of colonel, according to Warren.

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# GI guilty in rape, burning of raqi girl found hanged

By DAVID ZUCCHINO  
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It was one of the most disturbing war crimes to emerge from the brutal conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan: Army Pfc. Steven Dale Green raped and killed a 14-year-old Iraqi girl in 2006 after shooting and killing her parents and younger sister. Then he and his combat buddies from a nearby U.S. Army checkpoint set the girl's corpse on fire.



Green

28, serving five life sentences, apparently has committed suicide eight years after the crimes. He was found hanging in his cell at the federal maximum security prison in Tucson, Ariz., last week and died Saturday, prison officials announced Tuesday.

They said Green's death was being investigated as an apparent suicide.

A prison spokesman, John Stahley, declined to provide details, including whether Green left a note.

Asked why authorities had waited this long to announce his death, Stahley said the prison's administrative staff was off during the three-day Presidents Day weekend. He said Green's family was notified Saturday.

Green was a 19-year-old college dropout when he joined the Army and deployed to Iraq. At a traffic checkpoint near the Iraqi town of Mahmudiya, he and fellow soldiers abused alcohol and drugs and came up with a plan

to have sex with the Iraqi girl, Abeer Kassem Hamza Janabi, according to court testimony. They had watched her from the checkpoint as she performed household chores.

According to testimony at his federal trial in Kentucky, Green was brought along to the girl's home because he had spoken of wanting to kill Iraqis. A group of five soldiers entered the home on March 12, 2006, while a sixth stood guard at the checkpoint.

Two soldiers took the girl into a room and raped her while Green held the teenager's father, Kassem Hamza Raheem, 45; her mother, Fakhriya Taha Muhassen, 34; and 6-year-old sister, Hadeel Kassem Hamza, at gunpoint in another room.

As Abeer was being gang-raped, Green shot all three family members, according to testimony. He then raped Abeer. When he had finished, he shot her in the head.

The soldiers fled, but not before burning the girl's body. The killings occurred in an area nicknamed the "Triangle of Death" by some U.S. servicemen because of multiple American casualties at the hands of insurgents.

In a December 2010 interview from prison with The Associated Press, Green blamed his behavior, in part, on the deaths of two fellow soldiers killed by insurgents near the checkpoint. Those deaths "messed me up real bad," he said.

He also blamed the Army, which he said had abandoned him and the rest of his unit at the checkpoint.

"There's not a word that would describe how much I hated these people," Green said of Iraqis. "I wasn't thinking these people were humans."

## Some Guantanamo captives may be granted family visits

The Miami Herald

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVY BASE, Cuba — With the prison camps now in their 13th year, the U.S. military is willing to allow some war-on-terror captives to have family visits — if the International Red Cross can find a Caribbean country to host the prisoners' relatives between day trips to this remote U.S. Navy base.

It is not yet known which captives would be allowed to meet wives, children or other relatives at this base. Of the 155 detainees, federal review boards have approved 77 for release.

A key obstacle to the visits is the U.S. Southern Command's insis-

tence that family members would be forbidden from sleeping at this 45-square-mile outpost of more than 5,000 residents with hotels, a tent city and suburban-style neighborhoods.

So such visits would require the International Committee of the Red Cross and the U.S. government reaching agreement with a third country in the region as the base of an air bridge for captives' relatives on day trips to reunions.

At Southcom, the commander, Marine Gen. John F. Kelly, "is in favor of doing that," said his spokesman Army Col. Greg Julian. "We don't want to put them out overnight; it would be just a day's visit."

## MILITARY

# Adult-entertainment businesses solicited for Navy fundraiser

Commander relieved of duty in wake of scandal

By AUDREA HUFF  
Stars and Stripes

The commanding officer and master chief of a Florida-based Navy missile unit have been relieved of their duties after an investigation found that adult-entertainment businesses were solicited in a fundraising effort, the Navy said Tuesday.

Capt. John P. Heatherington was relieved of his command of the Naval Ordnance Test Unit at Cape Canaveral, Fla., on Tuesday by Strategic Systems Programs Director Vice Adm. Terry Benedict and received non-judicial punishment after a command investigation determined that golf tournament fundraisers for the annual Navy Submarine Ball solicited adult-entertainment establishments, among other businesses, for funds.

Heatherington knew of the businesses solicited but failed to take action, Strategic Systems Programs spokesman John M. Daniels said. Heatherington "was briefed throughout the process and told of the businesses sought after," Daniels said. Daniels could not say whether the same businesses had been solicited in previous years.

In a statement, the Navy said Heatherington affiliated the service with "businesses that are not representative" of the Navy or the Department of Defense's standards. He was relieved "due

to loss of confidence in his ability to command and for promoting an unprofessional command climate," the statement said.

The fundraising team included active-duty servicemembers and civilian and contract workers, NavyTimes.com reported.

The soliciting of adult-entertainment businesses was brought to Benedict's attention by a member of command, who reported the information through proper channels, Daniels said.

Master Chief Petty Officer Eric Spindle also was relieved of his duties as senior enlisted leader but did not face non-judicial punishment.

Capt. Kevin R. Brenton, SSP's deputy director, has assumed temporary command of NOTU. Heatherington's reassignment is pending. Command Master Chief Victor Smith has assumed duties as senior enlisted leader.

The NOTU tests sea-based strategic weapons systems and supports the missions of the U.S. Navy's Trident submarines and the United Kingdom's fleet ballistic missile program. It also operates the Navy port at Port Canaveral, Fla.

The circumstances surrounding Heatherington's firing are not related to NOTU's mission, and no impact on its mission is expected, the Navy said.

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## Bataan Ready Group arrives in 6th Fleet area of responsibility

By STEVEN BEARDSLEY  
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NAPLES, Italy — An amphibious group led by the assault ship USS Bataan entered European waters on Sunday with an embarked unit of Marines as part of a scheduled deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Middle East, according to the Navy.

The group will participate in maritime security operations and be available for emergency and humanitarian response while in the Navy 6th Fleet waters, which stretch across the north Atlantic and include the Mediterranean, a Navy release stated. The group will transit to the 5th Fleet area of responsibility at an unspecified date. The 5th Fleet AOR includes the Arabian Gulf, the Red Sea, Gulf of Oman and parts of the Indian Ocean, as well as the Suez Canal and the Strait of Hormuz.

The Bataan Amphibious Ready Group also includes the amphibious transport dock USS Mesa

Verde and the amphibious dock-landing ship USS Gunston Hall, with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit embarked.

The group, which counts roughly 4,000 sailors and Marines, departed Norfolk, Va., earlier this month for the eight-month deployment.

Currently, the USS Boxer Amphibious Ready Group with 1,800 sailors and 2,400 embarked Marines from the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, has the watch in the Middle East. The San Diego-based group left its home port in August and arrived in the Middle East in October, when it relieved the Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group.

The Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group is also in the Middle East near the Persian Gulf. The George H.W. Bush Carrier Strike Group departed Norfolk on Sunday for a nine-month deployment to 6th and 5th fleet waters.

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MATT MILLHAM/Stars and Stripes

Re-enactors march down the road outside Basse-Bodeux, Belgium, as a jeep zips by in the other direction during the annual In the Footsteps of the 82nd Airborne Division walk on Feb. 23, 2013. This year, the walk starts in Bra, Belgium, honoring the unit's 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

## Walk in footsteps of 82nd Airborne Saturday

By Stars and Stripes

Just days after the Germans launched the surprise attack that would come to be known as the Battle of the Bulge, a battalion of the 82nd Airborne Division's 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment was called in to plug a major hole in the Allies' defense.

After successfully routing the Germans in bloody hand-to-hand combat to retake the bridge over the Ambleve River at Cheneux,

Belgium, the regiment's bloodied 1st Battalion and a company from the regiment's 3rd Battalion were temporarily pulled off the front line to secure Allied positions in and around the town of Bra.

It is here that the 32nd annual march "In the Footsteps of the 82nd Airborne Division" will start Saturday at 9 a.m., retracing the steps of the 504th during the Battle of the Bulge.

This year's march circles nearly 12 miles through the Belgian

countryside and the villages of Bra, Trou-de-Bra, Derrière-le-Thier, Les Villetes, Pont-de-Villette and Floret.

Registration for the event is 6 euros. The price includes logistics support, hot soup for lunch, a souvenir certificate, hot wine at the end of the march, insurance and medical support. The start is in Bra at Bras-sur-Lienne. For more information, email Lacroix at emile.lacroix@skynet.be.

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## High winds damage Lajes Field, Azores

Officials at Lajes Field, Azores, are still trying to repair about \$75,000 in damage from strong winds last week.

Winds of 89 miles per hour were recorded at the U.S. Air

Force base on Feb. 13, and The Portugal News Online reported most of the Azores Archipelago was placed on the highest weather alert that day.

Capt. Mark Graff, a spokesman for the base, said about 800 feet of fencing was destroyed and 170 housing units and 15 other buildings suffered roof damage.

Some street lights, electrical poles and trees were also damaged, Graff said.

No injuries from the storm were reported, Graff said.

Lajes Field is a dual-use facility, with a civilian terminal that handles regional air passenger traffic.

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## MILITARY

# January is harsh for defense contractors

Pentagon contract awards generally slow in first month of second quarter

By JONATHAN D. SALANT

Bloomberg News

WASHINGTON — Poet T.S. Eliot called April the cruellest month. Defense contractors would pick January.

The Pentagon's contract awards dropped 66 percent from December to \$8.44 billion, the lowest level in at least 22 months, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

The previous low during that period was \$12.1 billion in January 2013.

None of the biggest contracts announced last month — including those to General Electric Co. and United Technologies Corp. — cracked \$1 billion. January's awards often lag because the Pentagon often pushes out more agreements in December, the end of its first quarter.

The seasonal slump was exacerbated by defense budget reductions and a temporary spending bill that limited contracting last

month.

"The elements have certainly come together," said Mark Amtower, partner at Amtower & Co., a government contracting consulting firm in Clarksville, Md.

Amtower said he expects another poor monthly performance when awards dip below \$8.4 billion this fiscal year.

"I don't see this trend going away any time soon," he said.

The Defense Department announced 180 contracts with a maximum value of \$8.44 billion in January, compared with 295 agreements valued at as much as \$24.9 billion in December.

Awards dropped 30 percent last month from a year earlier.

The Pentagon is required to announce contracts of at least \$6.5 million.

The temporary spending bill restricted new contracts and projects.

Those limits ended after President Barack Obama on Jan. 17 signed a \$1.1 trillion measure

## Top 5 contracts for January 2014

- \$776 million:** Maximum amount of contract awarded by Defense Logistics Agency on Jan. 28 to Wright & Wright Machinery Co., a closely held company based in Monticello, Ky., for construction equipment.
- \$593.1 million:** The Navy to a division of San Francisco-based Bechtel Group Inc. for nuclear propulsion components on Jan. 14.
- \$572.5 million:** The Navy to Fairfield, Conn.-based GE for engine work tied to F/A-18 and EA-18G aircraft, according to a Jan. 2 announcement.
- \$549.9 million:** The Army to United Technologies' Sikorsky Aircraft Corp. division. The contract modification is for 37 Seahawk helicopters, according to a Jan. 9 announcement.
- \$288 million:** The Defense Logistics Agency to Voorhees, N.J.-based American Water Works Co. on Jan. 9 to operate and maintain the water and wastewater systems at Hill Air Force Base in Utah for the next 50 years.

SOURCE: Bloomberg News

to fund the government through Sept. 30.

That followed stopgap legislation enacted in October, which ended a 16-day partial government shutdown.

Bruce Tanner, chief financial officer of Lockheed Martin, told investors during a conference call on the company's fourth-quarter results that he anticipated "a trough" in U.S. defense

spending this year.

Raytheon's chief financial officer, Dave Wajtsgras, said in a Jan. 30 interview he didn't expect increased government business until the second half of 2014.

The trend, though, is going to be down, said Larry Allen, president of Allen Federal Business Partners, a consulting company based in McLean, Va.

"The budget is a good thing

overall but it doesn't mean there's a new day coming," Allen said.

"We're still in an era where there's less money than there has been historically."

The defense spending cuts helped make 2013 the fourth consecutive year in which contract awards declined, the longest stretch since Ronald Reagan was president, according to data compiled by Bloomberg Industries analyst Brian Friel.

The agreement that ended the government shutdown also set spending levels through Sept. 30, 2015, partially mitigating the automatic federal spending cuts required under the process known as sequestration.

In an austere environment, companies seeking federal work have to be increasingly competitive on price.

"You knew there had to be downward pressure on the defense budget and the overall federal budget," Tony Smeraglinolo, chief executive officer of Chantilly, Va.-based Engility Holdings Inc., said in an interview.

"Price became much more of a determinant in who's going to win jobs. You need to get more price-sensitive."

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## NATION

# Dems take issue with minimum wage report

By ALAN FRAM  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A report by Congress' nonpartisan budget analysts seems to have thrown Democrats onto the defensive after it concluded that the party's drive to boost the federal minimum wage could cost a half-million jobs by 2016.

A Congressional Budget Office report released Tuesday concluded that a gradual increase to \$10.10 hourly by that year — which is what President Barack Obama and congressional Democrats are seeking — would increase pay for more than 16.5 million people, mostly those earning low wages. It also would lift 900,000 people over the federal poverty threshold, the study said.

Democrats hailed those findings. But in a congressional election year in which the slow-recovering economy remains a paramount issue, Democrats from the White House to Capitol Hill contested another of the report's conclusions: that the increase would reduce jobs in 2016 by roughly 500,000, or 0.3 percent.

That figure was the midpoint of a range of job losses the budget office estimated at somewhere from negligible to 1 million eliminated positions. And it was an unpleasant number for Democrats, who plan to make their long-shot effort to raise the minimum wage this campaign year a centerpiece of their focus on correcting income inequity between haves and have-nots.

Jason Furman, chairman of the White House's Council of Economic Advisers, and council member Betsey Stevenson referred in a blog post to a statement by more than 600 economists who cited recent academic findings that "increases in the minimum wage have had little or no negative effect on the employment of minimum-wage workers, even during times of weakness in the labor market."

"There's some respectful disagreement on the emphasis and certainty around that magnitude of employment loss," Furman told reporters of the CBO estimates. He added, "Zero is a perfectly reasonable estimate of the impact of the minimum wage on employ-

## Raising the minimum wage

A study on the merits of raising the federal \$7.25 hourly minimum wage shows it would lift many out of poverty but is projected to cost some jobs. A look at the two hourly wage options studied:

	<b>\$10.10 option</b> Phased in over 3 years, then indexed to inflation	<b>\$9.00 option</b> Phased in over 2 years, then indexed
<b>Increased earnings</b>	<b>\$31 billion</b> about 19 percent would go to families below poverty line	<b>\$9 billion</b> about 22 percent would go to families below poverty line
<b>Workers who'd see higher wages</b>	<b>16.5 million</b>	<b>7.6 million</b>
<b>People who'd move above poverty line</b>	<b>900,000</b>	<b>300,000</b>
<b>Jobs lost</b>	<b>500,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>

SOURCE: Congressional Budget Office

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ment" based on research by other economists.

Among those echoing Furman were Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, author of the minimum wage bill

the Senate plans to debate next month. His measure would boost today's \$7.25 standard in three steps to \$10.10 by 2016, with annual increases reflecting infla-

tion after that.

Citing "the newest economic research using the most sophisticated methodologies," Harkin said, "since the first minimum wage was enacted more than 75 years ago, opponents have argued that a wage floor would cause job loss. But this is a myth."

Republicans, who long have solidly opposed a minimum wage boost as a job killer, wasted no time in using the budget office report to buttress their case.

"With unemployment Americans' top concern, our focus should be creating — not destroying — jobs for those who need them most," said Brendan Buck, spokesman for House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio.

The study also examined the impact of boosting the minimum wage to just \$9 hourly by 2016, similar to what Obama embraced a year ago, and leaving it at that level afterward. That lesser increase would have smaller effects — about 100,000 fewer jobs, higher wages for 7.6 million workers and 300,000 people lifted out of poverty.



SAUL LOEB, KNOXVILLE (TENN.) NEWS SENTINEL/AP

From left, anti-nuclear weapons activists Sister Megan Rice, Michael Walli and Greg Boertje-Obed were sentenced Tuesday for the role they played in a July 2012 break-in at the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

## Activists, nun sentenced for nuclear storehouse break-in

The Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — At sentencing for an 84-year-old nun and two fellow Catholic peace activists who stole onto the grounds of the "Fort Knox of uranium," the judge seemed to struggle with how harshly he should treat protesters who authorities say never posed any serious national security threat.

Judge Amul Thapar acknowledged the trio sincerely held their religious beliefs, but also said at Tuesday's sentencing that those beliefs provided no excuse for breaking into the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge. The complex is the primary U.S. storehouse for bomb-grade uranium.

Sister Megan Rice was sentenced to just under three years in prison, while Greg Boertje-Obed and Michael Walli, each military veterans, received sentences of just over five years. The sentence appeared to be a compromise, less than what the government sought

but more than what defense attorneys had hoped for.

During a hearing that lasted for hours, Rice and her co-defendants said they believed it was a miracle from God that let them penetrate the complex and arrive at the most secure portion of the facility before being detected.

"I was acting upon my God-given obligation as a follower of Jesus Christ," Walli, 65, said. "I make no apology. I have no sense of remorse or shame. I would do it again."

All three also were ordered to jointly pay nearly \$53,000 in restitution to the government for damage to an exterior wall of a bunker at the complex.

On July 28, 2012, the three activists cut through three fences before reaching a \$548 million storage bunker. They hung banners, strung crime-scene tape, splashed blood on the wall and painted slogans on the side of the bunker.

## Trade bills divide Obama, party

By TOM RAUM  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The White House says it will continue to press Congress for "fast track" authority to speed approval of trade deals even as election-year politics makes the task harder.

President Barack Obama's administration is engaged in two difficult trade negotiations, one with Japan and 10 other Pacific nations, and the other a proposed trans-Atlantic deal with European Union nations. The trans-Pacific talks are closer to completion.

President Bill Clinton used such powers to push through the North American Free Trade Agreement among the U.S., Canada and Mexico in 1993. President George W. Bush used fast-track authority to push through Congress the Central American Free Trade Agreement in 2005.

The fast-track process, more formally known as "trade promotion authority" empowers presidents to negotiate trade deals and then present them to Congress for up-or-down votes, with no amendments allowed.

Such trade deals have always been more popular with Republicans than Democrats.

That's largely because business interests aligned with Republicans have always formed the core support for efforts to expand trade, while labor unions traditionally supportive of Democrats claim trade deals like NAFTA have cost U.S. jobs, helping to send them overseas.

Politically, what it means is that House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, is on Obama's side this time. Fast-track critics Senate

Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and former House Speaker Rep. Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., are working against him.

The day after Obama asked for fast-track authority in his State of the Union address last month, Reid asserted: "I'm against fast track ... Everyone would be well-advised just to not push this right now."

White House spokesman Jay Carney said Tuesday that despite such objections from Democratic leaders, "we're going to continue to press for this priority."

Carney was asked whether recent generally pessimistic-sounding comments on prospects for fast track by Vice President Joe Biden to a Democratic conference could be taken as recognition by the White House that the trade legislation wasn't going anywhere anytime soon.

Carney said no but added that the administration is "mindful ... that there are differing views in both parties, not just the Democratic Party" on the subject.

But opposition to the trade deals is more pronounced on the Democratic side.

Late last year, 151 House Democrats, roughly three-quarters of the chamber's Democratic membership, signed a letter to Obama signaling their opposition to granting him fast-track trade authority.

In the past, Obama has not been an ardent supporter of the fast-track process. Even without fast track, Obama was able to win congressional passage of free-trade pacts with Colombia, Panama and South Korea the old-fashioned way in 2011. And he has yet to make a high-pro-

file major push for renewal of the powers since his State of the Union comments.

If ratified, the proposals — the Trans-Atlantic and Trans-Pacific Trade and Investment Partnerships — would create the largest free-trade zone in the world, covering roughly half of all global trade.

But the free-trade talks are generating strong emotions at home and abroad.

Many Democrats up for reelection in November are fearful of drawing primary-election opposition over the issue. Concerned about lost jobs that are important to labor unions, they're abandoning Obama on this issue.

Boehner taunts Obama by asserting that "trade promotion authority is ready to go. So why isn't it done?"

"It isn't done because the president hasn't lifted a finger to get Democrats in Congress to support it," Boehner said, answering his own question. "And with jobs on the line, the president needs to pick up his phone and call his own party, so that we can get this done."

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# NATION



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Cardinal Roger Mahony officiates during Ash Wednesday services at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles in 2008. The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles will pay \$13 million to settle 17 clergy abuse lawsuits, including 11 that involve a visiting Mexican priest who fled prosecution and remains a fugitive more than 25 years later, plaintiffs' attorneys said Tuesday.

## Archdiocese to settle priest abuse cases for \$13 million

By GILLIAN FLACCUS  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When Los Angeles police were investigating allegations of child abuse by a Roman Catholic priest in 1988, they asked for a list of altar boys at the last parish where the priest worked.

Archbishop Roger Mahony told a subordinate not to give the list, saying he didn't want the boys to be scarred by the investigation and that he felt the altar boys were too old to be potential victims, according to a deposition made public Wednesday.

The detectives investigating allegations against Nicolas Aguilar Rivera, a visiting Mexican priest, ultimately got the names of the boys from parish families. They determined the priest molested at least 26 boys during his 10 months in Los Angeles, according to the priest's confidential archdiocese

file and police records made public by attorneys for the victims.

Twenty-five of the alleged victims were altar boys and the 26th was training with the priest to be one, said Anthony DeMarco, a plaintiff attorney. It's not clear what impact Mahony's action had on the investigation, though at the time police complained that the archdiocese wasn't fully cooperating.

Mahony's deposition was obtained by The Associated Press and is part of the evidence included in a settlement of abuse claims against Aguilar Rivera and four other priests. The archdiocese, the nation's largest, agreed to pay \$13 million to 17 victims.

Since 2006, the archdiocese has paid more than \$700 million to settle clergy abuse lawsuits by hundreds of victims. Internal church files kept on priests accused of abuse were released last year under court order. They showed

that Mahony, who was elevated to cardinal and retired in 2011, maneuvered behind the scenes with his top aide, Monsignor Thomas Curry, to shield molester priests, provide damage control for the church and keep parishioners in the dark.

When the files were released, prosecutors said the cases fell outside the statute of limitations for criminal prosecution of any church officials.

Mahony's sworn testimony in the case of Aguilar Rivera is significant because it's the first time he has been questioned under oath about clergy abuse since the confidential church files were released. During past depositions, attorneys haven't had documents to back up their questions, DeMarco said.

"This time when he's trying to do the 'I don't remember' routine, I put the document in front of him and said, 'You wrote this, right?'" he said.

## Police can't verify wife's killing claims

By PETER JACKSON  
The Associated Press

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Police have yet to substantiate a 19-year-old woman's claim that she killed more than 20 people in four states before the Pennsylvania murder she is now charged with committing.

Northumberland County District Attorney Tony Rosini said in a statement Tuesday "there has been no verification of any of the information that has been the subject of

media coverage" in the case of Miranda Barbour, who with husband Elytte Barbour is awaiting trial in the death of a man they're accused of slaying through a Craigslist ad for companionship.

Miranda Barbour, in a Friday prison interview with The Daily Item in Sunbury, claimed to have killed at least 22 people in Alaska, Texas, North Carolina and

California in the past six years as part of her involvement in a satanic cult.



Elytte Barbour



Miranda Barbour

## Cruise worker is accused of raping 31-year-old passenger

The Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A cruise ship worker from Indonesia is accused of raping a passenger aboard a Holland America Line vessel and then trying to throw her overboard, authorities said Tuesday.

The FBI reports that 28-year-old Ketut Pujayasa was arrested Sunday when the MS Nieuw Amsterdam returned to Port Everglades in Fort Lauderdale. The incident occurred early Friday morning in international waters off the coast of Roatan, Honduras.

According to a criminal complaint, the victim — a 31-year-old American woman — told investigators she was attacked and raped

in her stateroom. The attacker tried to throw her from the balcony, but she escaped and received help from another passenger.

Pujayasa initially left the room but then turned himself in. The report says the Indonesian man told investigators he attacked the victim because she had disrespected him earlier.

Pujayasa is charged with attempt to commit murder and aggravated sexual abuse.

Holland America Line said in a news release Tuesday that it is working with the authorities to understand how the incident occurred and what additional actions the company can take to help ensure that nothing like this ever happens again.

## Kan. to allow spanking that leaves marks?

TOPEKA, Kan. — A Kansas lawmaker is proposing a bill that would allow teachers, caregivers and parents to spank children hard enough to leave marks.

Current Kansas law allows spanking that doesn't leave marks. State Rep. Gail Finney, a Democrat from Wichita, says she wants to allow up to 10 strikes of the hand and that could leave redness and

bruising. The bill also would allow parents to give permission to others to spank their children.

It would continue to ban hitting a child with fists, in the head or body, or with a belt or switch.

Finney says she wants to restore parental rights and improve discipline. KCTV reports Rep. John Rubin, chairman of the House Corrections and Juvenile Justice Committee, says he isn't sure the committee will consider the bill.

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## NATION



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Pedestrians pass a sign warning them of falling ice near City Hall on Tuesday in New York.

# Winter fallout: Ice from tall buildings a concern

By VERENA DOBNIK  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — City dwellers facing one of the most brutal winters on record have been dealing with something far more dangerous than snow falling from the sky: ice tumbling from skyscrapers.

Streets around New York's new 1 World Trade Center, the nation's tallest building, were recently closed when sheets of ice were seen shearing from the face of the 1,776-foot structure — turning them into potentially deadly, 100-mph projectiles.

And sidewalks around high-rises in cities big and small have been cordoned off with yellow caution tape because of falling icicles and rock-hard chunks of frozen snow, a situation that experts warn could get worse over the next few days as a thaw sets in over much of the country.

"The snow starts to melt and the liquid drips off and makes bigger and bigger icicles, or chunks of ice that break off skyscrapers," said Joey Picca, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in New York, which has had 48.5 inches of snow since the start of



COURTESY OF BARRY NEGRON/AP

**Barry Negron holds a tissue to his face after being struck by ice falling off a four story building in New York on Jan. 22.**

the year, and several cycles of freeze and thaw.

"Be very, very aware of your surroundings," he said. "If you see ice hanging from a building, find another route. Don't walk under hanging ice."

Some architects say newer, energy-efficient high-rises may actually be making the problem worse.

"They keep more heat inside, which means the outside is getting colder and that allows more snow and ice to form," said en-

gineer Roman Stangl, founder of the consulting firm Northern Microclimate in Cambridge, Ontario.

Barry Negron said he saw ice hanging perilously off a four-story building near Rockefeller Center last month and was trying to warn other pedestrians when he was hit in the face with a sharp, football-size chunk. Cuts across his nose and cheek required 80 stitches.

"I panicked because I saw blood on my hands, and more coming down," said the 27-year-old salesman. As he lay on the pavement, "I heard two young ladies yelling, 'Oh, my God, oh my God, help! There's a lot of blood!'"

Since then, he's nervous when he walks around the city and has seen other near-hits. "I look at my scars, and I say, 'Why did this have to happen to me?'"

"Hey, what do you want? It's winter, that's what happens — ice," said Mike McKenna, a 38-year-old management consultant who was under 1 World Trade Center when the chunks first started flying.

"It was a mess," he said. "But I went through 9/11. Falling ice is nothing."

## Pair facing murder trial in Philadelphia building collapse

By MARYCLAIRE DALE  
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — A second Philadelphia demolition worker has been charged with murder in the deaths of six people killed when a brick wall being taken down collapsed onto an adjacent thrift store last summer.

A judge upgraded charges Tuesday against backhoe operator Sean Benschop to six counts of third-degree murder after hearing new evidence at a preliminary hearing.

A city inspector testified that Benschop had previously been warned at another job site not to use heavy equipment near an unstable wall, especially with an occupied building nearby, prosecutors said.

"It was just such a wildly unstable situation. You can't be operating heavy machinery in that circumstance. The vibrations alone could knock down an unsupported wall," Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Selber, chief of the homicide unit, said after the hearing.

Testimony about the previous warning, four months before the collapse, shows recklessness and warrants the third-degree murder charges against Benschop, she said.

Benschop, who allegedly had marijuana and painkillers in his system that day, had earlier been charged with six counts of involuntary manslaughter. His lawyer has called him a scapegoat for mistakes made by the contractor and others, and has argued that Benschop took orders at the site from the contractor. The defense attorney did not immediately return a call for comment Tuesday.

The collapse occurred when an unsupported brick wall crashed

**'It was just such a wildly unstable situation. You can't be operating heavy machinery in that circumstance. The vibrations alone could knock down an unsupported wall.'**

Assistant District Attorney  
**Jennifer Selber**  
chief of the homicide unit

down onto a smaller Salvation Army store in June, trapping shoppers and workers in rubble.

Also Tuesday, Common Pleas Judge Teresa Carr Deni upheld the same murder and involuntary manslaughter charges against demolition contractor Griffin Campbell. Additionally, both men are charged with conspiracy, causing a catastrophe and other charges. Campbell's lawyer did not immediately return a call for comment.

Prosecutors have called Campbell "the center of culpability" for the deadly collapse, and said he ignored his client's warning the night before that disaster was imminent.

Building owner Richard Basciano, who chose Campbell's \$112,000 bid to take down three attached storefronts when other bids were two to three times that amount, has not been charged. Benschop and Campbell remain in prison, awaiting trial. No trial date has been set.

## Artist apologizes for smashing \$1M vase

MIAMI — A South Florida artist is apologizing for smashing a vase valued at \$1 million that was part of a museum exhibit by noted Chinese dissident artist Ai Weiwei.

Maximo Caminero told The Miami Herald on Tuesday that he had no right to destroy someone else's art. The vase was one of 16 in an Ai installation at the new Perez Art Museum Miami. Police said Caminero told them

he smashed the vase Sunday to protest the lack of support for local artists rather than international ones.

Caminero canceled a planned Tuesday news conference and did not respond to telephone messages left by The Associated Press. A note on his studio door said his lawyer advised against commenting.

Caminero is charged with criminal mischief over \$1,000, which is a felony.

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## NATION

# Teed-off mom buys 19 shirts to stop display

By BRADY MCCOMBS  
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A mother upset about “indecent” T-shirts on display at a Utah mall found a quick if not especially convenient way to remove them: She bought every last one.

Judy Cox and her 18-year-old son were shopping Saturday at the University Mall in Orem, about 40 miles south of Salt Lake City, when she saw the shirts in the window of a PacSun store.

The shirts featured pictures of scantily dressed models in provocative poses.

Cox said she complained about the window display to a store manager and was told the T-shirts could be taken down without approval from the corporate office. She then bought all 19 T-shirts in stock, for a total of \$567. She says she plans to return them later, toward the end of the chain

store's 60-day return period.

The shirts cost about \$28 each on the website for PacSun, which sells beach clothes for teenagers and young adults.

“These shirts clearly cross a boundary that is continually being pushed on our children in images on the Internet, television and when our families shop in the mall,” Cox said in an email to The Associated Press.

PacSun CEO Gary Schoenfeld said in an emailed statement the company takes pride in the products it sells, which are inspired by music, art, fashion and action sports.

Orem is a city of about 90,000 in ultraconservative Utah County that uses the motto “Family City USA.” Cox met with Orem city attorney Greg Stephens on Tuesday to discuss whether the images on the T-shirts violated city code.

Stephens said he told Cox that she first needed to file a complaint



MARK JOHNSTON, THE (PROVO, UTAH) DAILY HERALD/AP

**When Judy Cox saw these T-shirts with designs she considers pornographic displayed in the window of PacSun in Orem, Utah, and the store wouldn't take down the display, she purchased them for \$567. She plans to return them in time for a refund, though.**

with police. He said police would then review the issue and decide whether it needed to be passed on to the city attorney, a process that could take weeks.

Longtime mall manager Rob Kallas said the display is down

now because Cox bought all the shirts.

He said the PacSun store manager told him she was embarrassed to put up the display but was following instructions from corporate managers.

# Fla. shooter compared himself to a rape victim

The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Florida software designer accused of killing a black teenager during an argument over loud music compared himself to a rape victim, telling his fiancée in a recorded jailhouse phone call that the police were trying to blame him for the shooting when he was only defending himself.

In a series of taped phone calls and jailhouse visits released Tuesday by prosecutors, Michael Dunn also expressed surprise at the media attention his November 2012 shooting of Jordan Davis, 17, had drawn.

Dunn, 47, was convicted Saturday of three counts of attempted second-degree murder for shooting at three of Davis' friends who were all inside an SUV, but then hung on a first-degree murder charge for Davis' death. Dunn, who is white, has argued that he fired at Davis after the teen threatened him and raised a shotgun or something that looked like one after he asked the teens to turn down their rap music. State Attorney Angela Corey says she will retry him on the murder charge.

In a December 2012 phone call with his fiancée, Rhonda Rouer, Dunn said: “So not to wallow in, you know, despair or anything, but you know I was thinking a lot about this today and I was like I'm, I'm the victim here. I was the one that was being preyed upon and I fought back.”

“And then, you know, it's not quite the same, but it made me think of like the old TV shows and movies where, like, how police used to think when a chick got raped, ‘Oh, it's her fault because of the way she was dressed.’ Yeah, and I'm like, so it's my fault because I asked them to turn their music down,” he said in a laughing voice.

# Confederate flag to appear on some Ga. car plates

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Georgia officials are releasing a new specialty license plate featuring the Confederate battle flag, infuriating civil rights advocates and renewing a fiery debate.

Georgia's new plate has fueled a clash between those who believe the battle flag honors Confederate heritage and others who view it as a racially charged symbol of

oppression, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported.

Southern Christian Leadership Conference spokesman Maynard Eaton said the state should not have sanctioned the battle emblem to appear on a Georgia tag.

“To display this is reprehensible,” Eaton said. “We don't have license plates saying ‘Black Power.’”

The Georgia Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans re-

quested that the state issue the plates. Spokesman Ray McBerry said the group meant no offense and views the plates as a way for people to honor their heritage.

“We believe that everyone has the right to preserve their heritage,” he said. “Southerners have as much right to be proud of their heritage as anybody else.”

The plate features a Confederate battle flag image in the background that covers the entire

plate. It also features a logo of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, which includes a smaller version of the stars and bars.

In Georgia, the Department of Revenue's Motor Vehicle Division approves proposed designs for specialty plates. Officials did not respond to questions from the Atlanta newspaper about the criteria it uses, except to say by email that they can't violate copyright laws.

# Ore. woman, dog rescued from sinkhole

The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — A Portland fire official says a woman and her dog were rescued unharmed after falling into a 20-foot-deep sinkhole that opened up in her backyard.

Portland Fire & Rescue Lt. Rich Chatman said the woman in her 30s was trying to find her small poodle mix Tuesday night in her dark Portland backyard when she fell into a sinkhole about 3½ feet in diameter. A neighbor who heard her calls for help called 911.

Fire crews used rope and ground ladders to rescue them.

The spokesman says a neighbor who shares a property line said both homeowners had been required to do some recent work on their sewage system.



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**A woman and her dog were rescued unharmed after falling into this 20-foot-deep sinkhole in her backyard Tuesday in Portland, Ore.**

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## WORLD

# Suicide blasts kill 4 in Beirut

The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Two suicide bombers blew up their cars near an Iranian cultural center in Beirut Wednesday, killing at least four people and wounding scores, in the latest in a string of deadly attacks targeting strongholds of the Shiite militant group Hezbollah and its allies. An al-Qaida-linked group claimed responsibility for the attack, saying it was retaliation for Hezbollah's involvement in the Syrian war alongside President Bashar Assad's forces.

The morning blasts in the Bir Hassan district set cars and trees ablaze and shattered the windows of nearby buildings as the wounded, including children, were loaded into fire engines and ambulances.

Rahmeh Abboud, a 20-year-old student, said she was in a passenger van when she heard the explosions. The driver immediately stopped the car and told everybody to get out. "The explosions were very strong, the ground shook. I came here and it was like the world had turned upside down."

**Rahmeh Abboud**  
20-year-old student

shook. I came here and it was like the world had turned upside down," she said.

The Lebanese army said the bombers were driving BMW and Mercedes cars, which were packed with explosives and mortar shells to maximize the damage.

Health Minister Wael Abu Faour said the blasts killed four people and wounded more than 100.

The Abdullah Azzam Brigades said on its Twitter account that the "invasion of the Iranian cultural center" was in "retaliation for Iran's party fighting along the criminal regime in Syria." It was referring to Hezbollah, which has been a staunch ally of Assad's government and its fighters have been instrumental in helping dislodge Syrian rebels from key areas near the border with Lebanon.



EFREM LUKATSY/AP

Anti-government protesters throw stones during clashes with riot police on Wednesday in Kiev's Independence Square, the epicenter of the country's current unrest.

## Protest: EU, US concerned over clashes in Ukrainian capital, consider sanctions

FROM FRONT PAGE

Thousands of activists armed with fire bombs and rocks had defended the square Tuesday, which has become a key symbol of the protests.

Black smoke from the sprawling, now-burnt opposition camp was still rising above the center of Kiev 24 hours later.

The shocking escalation of violence has prompted the European Union to threaten sanctions against Ukrainian officials responsible for the bloodshed and triggered an angry rebuke from Moscow, which accused the West of setting off the clashes by backing the opposition. The 28-nation EU is holding an emergency meeting on Ukraine in Brussels on Thursday.

In Paris, Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius told reporters Wednesday in a joint appearance with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry that he and his counterparts from Germany and Poland would meet both sides in Ukraine ahead of the EU meeting on possible sanctions.

He said he hoped the two sides "will find a way for dialogue."

Possible sanctions include banning leading officials from traveling to EU nations or freezing their assets there. Travel bans and assets freezes for the powerful oligarchs who back Yanukovych could prompt them to pressure him to change course.

But the bad blood in Ukraine now runs so high it has fueled fears the nation could be sliding toward a messy breakup. While most people in the country's

**"The revolution has turned into a war with the authorities. We must fight this bloody, criminal leadership. We must fight for our country, our Ukraine."**

Vasyl Oleksenko

a retired geologist from central Ukraine who fled Tuesday night's violence

western regions resent Yanukovych, he enjoys strong support in the mostly Russian-speaking eastern and southern regions, where many want strong ties with Russia.

Neither side now appears willing to compromise, with the opposition insisting on Yanukovych's resignation and early elections and the president prepared to fight till the end.

Amid a stagnating economy and soaring corruption, Ukrainians have been angered to see that Yanukovych's close friends and family have risen to top government posts and amassed fortunes since he came to power in 2010. Yanukovych's son, Oleksander, a dentist, has become a financial and construction magnate worth \$187 million, according to Forbes Ukraine.

Yanukovych on Wednesday blamed the protesters for the violence and said the opposition leaders "crossed a line when they called people to arms."

"I again call on the leaders of the opposition ... to draw a boundary between themselves and radical forces, which are provoking bloodshed and clashes with the

security services," the president said in a statement. "If they don't want to leave (the square) — they should acknowledge that they are supporting radicals. Then the conversation with them will already be of a different kind."

He also called for a day of mourning Thursday for the dead.

On Wednesday morning, the center of Kiev was cordoned off by police, the subway was shut down and most shops on Kiev's main street were closed. But hundreds of Ukrainians still flocked to the opposition camp, some wearing balaclavas and armed with bats.

One group of young men and women poured petrol into plastic bottles, preparing fire bombs, while a volunteer walked by distributing ham sandwiches. Other activists were busy crushing the pavement into bags to fortify the barricades.

"The revolution has turned into a war with the authorities," said Vasyl Oleksenko, 57, a retired geologist from central Ukraine who fled Tuesday night's violence fearing for his life. "We must fight this bloody, criminal leadership. We must fight for our country, our Ukraine."

# Thai court bans use of violence against protesters

By THANYARAT DOKOSONE  
The Associated Press

BANGKOK — A Thai court ordered the government on Wednesday not to use force against protesters who are attempting to oust the prime minister, a day after violent clashes between riot police and demonstrators left five people dead and dozens injured.

The decision leaves beleaguered Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra with fewer options in dealing with the protesters, who have camped out for a month with virtual impunity in major intersections across the capital to press for her resignation.

She also faces a possible impeachment vote over accusations by the National Anti-Corruption Commission that she improperly handled an expensive rice subsidy program.

On Wednesday, thousands of protesters gathered around Bangkok's temporary office in Bangkok's northern outskirts to demand her resignation.

They asked officials at the Defense Ministry complex to prevent her from using it as her backup office.

She has been unable to enter her regular office compound in downtown Bangkok because it is blocked by protesters and some gates have been cemented shut.

The Civil Court ruled Wednesday that some orders issued by the prime minister and a special security command center under an emergency decree were illegal because they violate the protesters' constitutional rights.

The prohibited orders include bans on gatherings of five or more people, on entering certain buildings, and on the use of certain roads. The court also prohibited the government from using any force.

The court, however, rejected a protester's request that it revoke the state of emergency, saying it was within the executive branch's power to enforce such a law.

The Cabinet declared a state of emergency in the Bangkok area on Jan. 21 after the protesters threatened to shut down the capital by blocking key intersections and occupying government offices.

Yingluck's government, which is backed by many people in rural northern Thailand, has been attempting to avoid violence to keep the powerful military from stepping in.

The country has been wracked by political unrest since 2006, when Yingluck's brother, former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, was ousted by a military counter being accused of corruption and abuse of power.

# WORLD

## Demographics play a part in Mideast peace

The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Palestinian construction worker Nael Yassin and his wife, Wafa, are the proud parents of a new baby girl — the fifth child for the couple in their early 30s.

Such fecundity is usually a private affair, but in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict a broader issue is in play. A race for “demographic” prominence — and the fact that Israel may be losing it — has become critical to the current peace effort led by John Kerry.

The U.S. secretary of state has started warning Israel that it stands to become a binational state unless it ends the occupation of lands it captured in the 1967 war. The idea is being listened to in Israel.

In a speech Monday, Finance Minister Yair Lapid presented the issue as the main reason Kerry must succeed: “Every moment we don’t separate from the Palestinians is a clear threat to the existence of Israel as a Jewish state.”

The “demographic issue” is focusing Israeli minds in a way that moral arguments against occupation have not, particularly when they are weighed against forgoing

the West Bank’s strategic hinterland and Jerusalem with its unrivaled religious and historic sites.

Some experts are predicting Arabs will outnumber Jews in Israel plus the areas it captured in 1967 — the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem. Continued occupation, they say, would force Israel into a hard choice: Formalize Jewish minority rule over disenfranchised Palestinians — or give them the right to vote and end the Zionist dream of a Jewish homeland in historic Palestine.

In this context, those arguing for a pullout on these terms are essentially trying to save Israel as a “Jewish state” — where the degree of Jewishness is a function of the size of the majority.

In a century of Arab-Jewish conflict, the population balance shifted because of Jewish immigration and war-driven displacement of Arabs.

About 750,000 people lived in historic Palestine at the beginning of British rule after World War I, including 78 percent Muslims, 11 percent Jews and 10 percent Christians, said Joseph Chamie, former head of the U.N. Population Division. Currently, just over 12 million people live in the



ADEL HANA/AP

**Palestinians enjoy the beach in October in Gaza City on the Mediterranean Sea. Palestinians have a higher rate of natural growth than Jews, and leading Israeli demographers have said the current slight Jewish majority in the Holy Land will disappear in a few years.**

combined territory, according to figures from the Israeli and Palestinian statistics bureaus.

Israel’s population stood at some 8.1 million in 2013, said Pinna Zadka of Israel’s Central Bureau of Statistics. That includes West Bank settlers, Israeli-annexed east Jerusalem, and the Golan Heights, captured in 1967 from Syria. The figure breaks down to 6.1 million Jews, or roughly 75 percent, and 1.68 million Arabs, or 21 percent, she said.

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics put the number of Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem last year at just over 4.4 million.

Subtracting 300,000 Palestinians in east Jerusalem from the

Palestinian total because Israel already counted them, the result would still indicate near-parity — 6.1 million Jews and close to 5.8 million Arabs, including those with Israeli citizenship.

Without a partition deal, Jews will eventually become a minority because of higher Arab population growth, said demographer Sergio Della Pergola of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Arnon Soffer, a geographer at Haifa University.

In Israel, the higher Arab and lower Jewish growth rates will converge in about a generation, said Zadka. So if Israel gives up most of the West Bank, it can assure a Jewish majority at home “for eternity,” Soffer said.

## Fears of false hope before Korean reunions

BUCHEON, South Korea — Kim Se-rin is sure he’ll recognize his sister when they reunite — if they reunite — in North Korea this week, more than 63 years after war drove them apart. And he knows what he’ll say.

“I will first hug her and tell her that I thank her for having lived so long,” the 84-year-old retired Seoul City official said. “Then, I will ask her when our father and mom passed away and when our sister and brother died.”

What Kim doesn’t know is what he’ll do if their reunion — one of hundreds planned Thursday through Tuesday between North and South Koreans — falls victim to the ever-volatile relations between the two countries.

Kim and about 500 other South Koreans plan to visit the North’s scenic Diamond Mountain resort to take part in reunions that will reunite relatives for the first time since the bloody Korean War ended with an armistice in 1953. More than 260 North Koreans are expected to take part.

No reunions have been held since late 2010.

North Korea is pushing for better ties with South Korea, and has tamped down harsh rhetoric that swelled last spring. Analysts say the North hopes better relations with Seoul will attract foreign investment and aid.

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## OPINION

## Despite attacks, GOP is getting to yes

By KATHLEEN PARKER

**R**epublicans have excelled at concealing their brilliance in recent years and Democrats have exalted in their own good fortune.

Whether discussing women's reproductive systems or offering up unelectable candidates — "I am not a witch" might have been a tipoff — Republicans couldn't stop handing gifts to their opponents. As for tactics, a GOP Trojan horse is ... a horse. And an Orca project is a whale-fishing expedition.

Meanwhile, Democrats successfully labeled the GOP as the "party of no," assisted by Republicans' consistent opposition to everything, and always flogging their own in an endless war between the party's wacko birds (Sen. John McCain's term) and establishment players who were variously referred to as RINOs (Republicans in Name Only) or Republicans.

Democrats weren't wrong.

But then one day, President Barack Obama apparently lost his magic ring. The sun broke through the pall of Republican despair, the fires of Mordor ceased and the spell of buffoonery and pettifoggery that had plagued the elephant herd was miraculously lifted.

Congress raised the debt limit without drama; Republican leaders shelved divisive issues such as comprehensive immigration and tax reform, and shifted the focus to unifying messages about which RINOs and tea partyers can agree and look pinkie: Obamacare is a failure and Barack Obama is an imperial president.

In essence, Republicans destroyed the Democrats' sharpest weapon and absconded with their slogan. No more the party of

no, the GOP suddenly is the party of "Yes we can!"

Quite a transformation, that. And all along the message of House Speaker John Boehner, even though his tea party colleagues, gladiators armed with certitude, couldn't hear him. Rather than listen to reason, they heard only the whispers of their beloved Wornmongue, whose identity I leave to you, dear reader, in hopes you have read J.R.R. Tolkien.

While some may view this strategy as another Boehner capitulation to the crazy caucus, others recognize its brilliance. Boehner is quieting down the elephant herd. This doesn't mean Republicans are making a run on canvas to build a bigger tent. At least not this congressional crowd. But party leadership doesn't hold all the cards anymore. Outsiders — widely known as billionaires — have their own agendas, which are not uniformly consistent with the GOP base's. Nor are they necessarily sinister, though this most likely will be the spin from Democrats.

Wherever billionaires gather, something must be up. Politico suggested as much with its exclusive story earlier this week about mega-donors planning a GOP war council that will be meeting soon at "a swanky Colorado resort." Do wealthy Democrats meet in sleeked warehouses?

This gathering of Republican swanks is being hosted by New York billionaire Paul Singer, who wants to help shape the party's direction leading up to the midterms. Dum-de-dum-dum. Singer, who gives generously to humanitarian groups, including wounded warriors, also supports same-sex marriage, immigration reform, and pro-Israel policies. He is, in other words, a New Old Republican — moderate on social issues, passionate about human rights,

practical about demographic change and election realities, hawkish about defense and loyalty to allies.

These positions are largely consistent with a sizable chunk of the American people, if not so much with the GOP's libertarians, who increasingly lean toward isolationist, boot-strap policies. Hence the emerging narrative of yet another internal war within the GOP. Cue Darth Vader breathing sound, if I may mix my movies, and enter the Koch brothers — those heartless, free-market avatars with libertarian tendencies.

The same Politico story described the Koch brothers as bringing together "hand-picked operatives and politicians twice a year at Tony resorts." Hand-picked implies "special" while "Tony" is a word only used by 1 percenters, I don't think I've ever heard — not even in movies — diamond-laden debatable belaboring restaurant choices say: "Oh, Capers, let's do pick some place Tony.")

And they say Republicans use dog whistles.

Democrats love to demonize these groups even though they have a couple of their own billionaire bundling operations. But the emerging narrative of the billionaire war within the party is both incorrect and an obvious attempt to revive the idea that Republicans can't lead because they can't even get along with each other.

It worked for a while, but no more. Within the party, the Koch brothers and Singer might best be described as co-belligerents. Picture them as set A and B in a Venn diagram. The overlap is the story — and the war isn't internal.

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## Venomous snakes or guns. Pick your poison.

**We must ask ourselves whether the comforts and pleasures of owning a firearm are worth the risks.**

On Dec. 22, a 10-year-old girl died in West Virginia. The Charleston Gazette said it happened while she and a 9-year-old friend were handling a snake. A sheriff's office told the Gazette, "We're not blaming the parents, but we do urge everyone to make sure that your snakes are secure." On Dec. 30, a 10-year-old boy died in Alabama. The sheriff's office said he "was in a bedroom with his 12-year-old brother and 14-year-old male friend" and received the wound "while they were handling a snake."

In November, an Indiana man died while playing with a snake at an apartment complex. A 16-year-old Idaho boy died at a house "where people were handling snakes." One young man in Georgia caused an inadvertent death "while playing with a snake." Another suffered a fatal wound "while handling a snake" at a friend's house. A 42-year-old Tennessee man died when his snake bit him.

How could people be this foolish? The good news is that when it comes to snakes, they aren't. None of the stories I just told you, except for the ones about the two preachers, is literally true.

The bad news is that all of the stories did happen, and all the victims died. But they didn't die from handling snakes. They died from handling guns. All I did was change a few words in the news reports: gun to

snake, gunshot to snakebite, discharged to bit.

I took these stories from Slate's archive of post-Newtown gun deaths. The archive captures a year's worth of reported fatalities, from December 2012 to December 2013. It includes more than 12,000 victims. We are killing one another, our children, and ourselves. We are a nation of gun handlers, as reckless as anyone who handles serpents.

I'm not going to tell you that the solution to this madness is to pass another gun law. As the National Rifle Association points out, such laws often fail to achieve their objectives. We need more than laws. We need to change our culture. We must ask ourselves whether the comforts and pleasures of owning a firearm are worth the risks. We need to know that snakes are far more dangerous than having a snake.

Nineteen years ago, shortly after Jamie Coots began handling serpents, a bite killed a woman in his congregation. The county attorney wanted to charge Coots with violating Kentucky's law against handling snakes in church. The judge, however, refused to sign the complaint. He told the prosecutor, "You and I both know that this practice is not going to stop until either rattlesnakes or snake handlers become extinct."

That's a good bet. And it's a good bet that the snake handlers will go extinct before the snakes do. But the more frightening question is what will happen to the gun handlers. We have 300 million firearms in this country. Pray for the owners, their children, and their friends.

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## OPINION

## Golden opportunity to address Fukushima

BY WILLIAM PESEK  
Bloomberg News

WHEN the ground shook, the ice buckled and the skating-rink building began collapsing around Japanese teenager Yuzuru Hanyu in March 2011, Sochi must've seemed a long way off. Survival suddenly trumped Olympic training.

Three years on, the 19-year-old has given his hometown of Sendai, in the heart of the earthquake-devastated Tohoku region, something to cheer about. On Friday, the figure skater won Japan's first Winter Games gold medal since 2006.

And then Hanyu said something equally extraordinary, when asked by the media about March 11, 2011, a day many of his friends didn't survive. "It's a very difficult subject for me to talk about," he said. "I think my service to all those who were affected by the earthquake starts today."

This, he added, "is going to be the starting point for what I can do for the recovery."

Well, allow me to offer some advice. Few people take this Olympic spirit stuff seriously. The runaway commercialism of sport has eclipsed what happens on the playing fields. The Games have become "American Idol" with sneakers and snowboards—a showcase for athletes vying for multimillion-dollar endorsement contracts and little else. Yet Hanyu's comments seem refreshingly selfless and give even us non-Sendai folks reason for hope.

If Hanyu genuinely wants to serve the people of Tohoku he should bring their challenges before the eyes of the world. Sure, he can return home and give the usual inspirational talks to starstruck high school kids — "See, you can achieve anything with hard work!" — or hand out



MORRY GASH/AP

**"I think my service to all those who were affected by the earthquake starts today," said Yuzuru Hanyu, 19, who survived the March 2011 earthquake in Japan and won the gold medal in men's figure skating at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia.**

meals at the odd soup kitchen. Or Hanyu can do what's really needed: demand that Japan's government stop ignoring Tohoku.

The still-unfolding nuclear crisis at Fukushima is one problem. Another is the 100,000 or so people still living in temporary housing and the communities literally wiped away three years ago by tsunami waves as high as 133 feet. Most Japanese have all but forgotten about their plight and appear resigned to letting the Tohoku region stagnate.

There's plenty of patronizing. Celebrities regularly make the two-hour bullet train ride to the Northeast from Tokyo with film crews. They walk through the rubble, sip tea with displaced locals and kids who haven't played outside in three years thanks to radiation leaks, and perhaps even shed the odd tear. But as they, and the eyes of the nation, return to their reasonably cushy, safe lives, the people of Tohoku sense more and more that they've become little more than a prop to enable

the rest of Japan to show they care.

The focus is now on Tokyo 2020 and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is jetsetting around the globe waxing on about the Olympic spirit. Meanwhile, untold billions of dollars of reconstruction funds are being diverted away from Hanyu's home region to build the Olympic village and even less attention is being paid to cleaning up Fukushima. It means more time looking ahead, not at the tragedy of three years ago.

Hanyu should accept every interview request and speaking invitation he gets and pound one point home: "Don't forget us." Japan being Japan, a young athlete can't be expected to morph into an anti-government firebrand. Given how Abe is loading the governing board of national broadcaster NHK with right-wing wackos, Hanyu would probably be censored and ostracized if he did.

But in calm and personal ways, Hanyu should steer every public appearance to the people still living in temporary homes because the government has forgotten them. OK, Anderson Cooper at CNN, you want an interview? Come to Tohoku and, while we're talking figure skating, we'll sit in front of municipal buildings still shuttered three years on. Great, Megyn Kelly at Fox News, we'll do our live show in front of eerily empty playgrounds and fish markets. Welcome Jon Sopel, let's have our BBC chat in front of idle construction sites. And yes, it's great to be here with NHK, Japan's main news source. Behind me is a hospital kept quite busy by victims of Fukushima.

Olympic champions can be powerful symbols, or they can just get their Nike contracts and live the good life. Hanyu seems sincere in wanting to be the former. All he needs to do is go home and wave to the cameras of the world.

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## When I was held there, Evin Prison had hopeful Iranians

BY JOSH FATTAL

ON the morning of my appearance before an Iranian Revolutionary Court, where I was convicted on a fabricated charge of espionage, I heard the chant "Death to America!" from the world beyond my prison window. The chant, and the associated stereotype of Islamic Iran, was quite different from what I heard in Section 209, the grim area of Evin Prison where political detainees are beaten, tortured and held without charge. As Americans, my friend and cellmate Shane Bauer and I were denied contact with Iranian inmates during our imprisonment there. Yet time and again, they found the courage to defy that rule and lift our spirits.

When I'd sing anguished songs to the emptiness, I'd hear a knock of solidarity on my wall from an adjoining cell. Then another knock. Then a whisper from the hallway, and the soothing words in English, "We hope you become free!" Prisoners would hide candies in the washroom for us to find. I'd repay the kindness by sneaking chocolates, which my interrogators let me have, into the shower for my hall mates to discover.

Over the 781 days of my incarceration, I developed a deep sense of solidarity with these Iranians. I landed in Evin Prison by happenstance in the summer of 2009. Shane and his girlfriend, Sarah Shourd, were living in Damascus, Syria, at the time, and I had gone to visit them after completing an international teaching fellowship. The idea

**The activists held in Evin were tortured and killed for seeking basic human rights. Yet they saw meaning in their condition.**

of escaping the bustle of Damascus with a trip to the placid mountains of Iraqi Kurdistan appealed to us all. Without us knowing, our hike took us up to the unmarked frontier with Iran, where border guards detained us. Sarah was held for 14 months. Shane and I were held another year, until September 2011. Our captivity lasted longer than the Iranian hostage crisis.

In the weeks before our arrest, millions of Iranians had taken to the streets of Tehran in anger at the rigged re-election of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. It was the largest popular protest in Iran since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, and many of my fellow inmates at Evin were arrested during the demonstrations. The activists held in Evin were tortured and, in some instances, killed for seeking basic human rights. Yet they saw meaning in their condition. As one prisoner whispered secretly from the hallway, "Being in prison is a road to democracy."

The so-called Green Movement that these jailed activists embraced wasn't as easily crushed as the government would have liked. Though the popular protests

died down, dissatisfaction over domestic issues, including the economy and restrictions on personal freedoms, remained high and became a major factor in last year's presidential election victory of the reform-minded Hassan Rouhani. That Iran's clerical establishment allowed Rouhani to run and then engage with the United States was the result of this internal pressure for change. His election owes more to the inmates of Section 209 and to the millions of Iranians who have refused to accept the status quo than to the economic sanctions imposed from abroad.

In my mother's letters to me in jail, she shared her conviction that my ordeal would lead to a diplomatic breakthrough between the United States and Iran. I liked the idea of something beneficial coming from my time behind bars. To me, life seemed to revolve around attempts to memorize poetry and to juggle dried oranges. She seemed incurably optimistic, like her reassurances in letters that I would be released "any day now."

Yet my mother's dream was not so far-fetched. Nine months into my detention, my interrogators led me blindfolded out of my cell to meet a man they described mysteriously as a "foreign diplomat from this region." Awaiting Shane, Sarah and me in a prison office was Salem Ismaili, an Omani businessman and envoy of Sultan Qaboos bin Said. He enveloped us in his flowing robes as he introduced himself, and I still remember how sweetly he smelled of sandalwood. He gave us expen-

sive watches and told us his mission was to get the United States and Iran to talk to each other about our release.

It took more than a year for Salem to deliver in a personal accord, securing this week, some voices in Congress and some supporters of Israel continue to warn against engagement with Iran and to press for even tougher sanctions. The Iran that I glimpsed under my blindfold, heard in the supportive whispers on my prison hallway and tasted in the sweet candies provided by my hall mates convinces me this stance is misguided.

It is time to end the mutual hostility for good. A permanent accord that limits Iran's nuclear capabilities in exchange for a lifting of sanctions would make my relatives in Israel safer. It would make my family in the United States safer. And it would strengthen the hand of the brave Iranians I met in the dark corridors of Evin Prison in their continuing struggle for democracy.

Josh Fattal is the coauthor with Shane Bauer and Sarah Shourd of the forthcoming book "A Silver of Light: Three Americans Imprisoned in Iran." This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Driver rescues kitten found frozen to road

**OH**ELYRIA — A driver who found a gray kitten frozen to the road in northeast Ohio and rescued it says she initially thought it was a chunk of ice and was shocked when it tried to move.

Dara Taylor of Elyria tells The Chronicle-Telegram she found the cat Monday covered in ice, as though it had been in water, and it couldn't open its eyes. She says she freed the cat from the road and took it to the Friendship Animal Protective League.

The group's chief financial officer, Shelley MacDonald, says the male cat has warmed up and is being treated for a respiratory infection. Officials are hopeful he will fully recover.

The organization says it is already getting adoption requests for the kitten, which has been named Frosty.

## Woman wakes up, finds intruder asleep in home

**FL**MOUNT DORA — A Florida woman says she awoke to find an intruder asleep on her couch.

Police say they arrested the man Tuesday at a home in Mount Dora and charged him in connection with some recent business burglaries.

Orlando station WFTV reports the woman heard snoring coming from her living room while she made her coffee.

She said she then found the man asleep on her couch, covered with a blanket, and that he had helped himself to a beer from her refrigerator before falling sleep.

When police arrived, they say they woke him up by removing the blanket and found him holding a butcher knife taken from the kitchen. Police say evidence found on the man linked him to recent burglaries and a car break-in.

## Noose tied on Ole Miss integration statue

**MS**OXFORD — The FBI is helping investigate who tied a noose around the neck of a campus statue of James Meredith, whose admission into the University of Mississippi marked the integration of the school in 1962.

Ole Miss Police Chief Calvin Sellers says the call about the vandalism came Sunday morning. Officers found the rope noose and a pre-2003 Georgia state flag with the Confederate battle flag on its face. Sellers says two men were seen near the statue early Sunday.

The FBI says it is providing assistance in the investigation, at the request of the University Police Department.

## Baby named in honor of medics who saved him

**CA**OCEANSIDE — A baby boy born prematurely in the back of an ambulance has been named in honor of the Southern California paramedics

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The percentage of American women who in 2012 "married down," tied the knot with a husband who is less educated than they are, according to a new study. According to the Pew Research Center, those women were better educated than their spouses, a threefold jump from 1960. By contrast, a bit less than 20 percent of men had more formal education than their wives. This is the first time that a higher percentage of women than men have married down.



BETH VAN ZANDT, THE MUSCATINE (IOWA) JOURNAL/AP

## Preparing for the worst

While other participants practice rescuing victims from the water, Adam Drawbaugh, a volunteer with Muscatine Search and Rescue, uses ice picks to pull himself out of the water during ice water rescue training at Discovery Park on Saturday in Muscatine, Iowa. Fifteen men and women participated in ice and water rescue training for certification to become ice rescue specialists, the Muscatine Journal reported.

who saved his life.

The mother, 37-year-old Melissa Wells-Pestana, went into labor seven weeks early, and the baby wasn't breathing and had no pulse after he was born. Rescuers gave the baby CPR as the ambulance raced about 4 miles to the hospital.

The parents honored the fire crew by naming the child Xavier Stephan Morgan Pestana, with the middles names coming from firefighter-paramedic Steven Choi and fire Capt. Glen Morgan.

## 4 recovering after shooting outside club

**MI**SAGINAW — Police say four people are recovering after being shot over the weekend outside a Saginaw nightclub.

The Saginaw News reports police on Monday didn't have suspect information to release following the shooting around 2:30 a.m. Sunday outside Terry's Place.

Detective Sgt. Reggie Williams says a 24-year-old woman and three men ages 23, 41 and 44 were shot and are recovering at area hospitals.

Police say two of the victims went to the hospital by ambulance and two others arrived on their own.

## School closes after licorice odor present

**WV**CHARLESTON — Another West Virginia school is closing because of an odor resembling the chemical that spilled into a regional water system last month.

Grandview Elementary in Kanawha County sent students home at 12:15 p.m. Monday because of the licorice odor. State Department of Education spokeswoman Liza Cordeiro said some teachers complained about burning eyes and noses.

Two weeks ago, five Kanawha County schools temporarily closed because of the smell.

A Jan. 9 chemical leak contaminated the water supply of 300,000 people for days.

## Soldier arrested after troopers find marijuana

**LA**PORT ALLEN — Louisiana State Police have arrested a U.S. Army sergeant after they pulled him over near Port Allen for a traffic violation and found 23 pounds of marijuana in a duffel bag.

Trooper 1st Class Jared Sandifer says troopers booked Sgt. Horace Brown, of Cantonment, Fla., into the West Baton Rouge Parish Jail on multiple counts of possession with intent to distribute marijuana and improper lane usage.

Troopers contacted the Army's Criminal Investigation Command about the arrest.

Sandifer says troopers stopped Brown's Chrysler 200 on Interstate 10, west of La. 415, at about 3 a.m. Sunday. When they searched the vehicle, he says troopers

found the drugs in the bag.

## Man charged with pointing gun at woman

**MD**GLEN BURNIE — Anne Arundel County police have charged a man with pointing a gun at a woman who was walking her dog in Glen Burnie.

It happened about 9:30 p.m. Saturday in the Cromwell Fountain development. Police say the 21-year-old woman saw a man, who was also walking a dog, pointing a handgun at her and her dog.

Police say officers found a man in the stairwell of a building. Authorities say he told police he knew what they were looking for a pulled a handgun from his waistband. The man was taken into custody.

Norman Wieland, 46, of Hanover, was charged with assault, reckless endangerment and handgun offenses.

From wire reports



## FACES



# Lupita Nyong'o is Hollywood's new fixation

BY JESSICA HERNDON  
The Associated Press

**L**upita Nyong'o is preparing herself for normalcy. After the frenzy that's followed her gripping performance in "12 Years a Slave," she wants to be ready for life back home in New York.

"I try to keep my regimen — rest, water, eat well, work out — so that when this is all over, I don't experience a total hangover," she says, taking a bite of scrambled eggs in a recent interview at a Beverly Hills, Calif., cafe.

She hasn't yet accepted that her life may never be the same. "I have a very ostrich mentality," she says. "I feel like I have my head in the sand so no one can see me."

Before playing slave Patsey in Steve McQueen's brutal tale of a free black man kidnapped into slavery in the 19th-century South, Nyong'o was virtually unknown. Now, as a supporting actress Oscar nominee, she's become a breakout star.

When she received the call from McQueen saying she had landed the role, "I was so elated," she recalls.

"But then I immediately panicked. I was so scared."

No wonder; this would be her first major role after attending the Yale School of Drama. Yet shooting the film gave her the confidence she needed coming out of school. "It was an amazing feeling," she says.



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Now, with all eyes on what she'll do next, the actress refuses to stress about securing another role that's equally as celebrated.

"The bar has been set very high externally and internally," she says. "But I don't want to feed into that pressure of expectation. This film was so fulfilling and artistic. I've tasted that and I obviously want to experience that kind of creative fulfillment again, but I also know that I can't replicate that. I want a varied acting experience and that may include some failure and that's healthy."

Actually, Nyong'o's next film is already in the can and ready for release on Feb. 28: She plays a flight attendant opposite Liam Neeson in the action-thriller "Non-Stop." "It was what I needed to do," she says. "It was the perfect antidote to '12 Years a Slave.' It was a different genre with different demands. It was very technical and fun."

Growing up in Kenya, Nyong'o says her parents encouraged her and her five siblings to "find out what we were called on this earth to do when we do it to excellence." Nyong'o says her parents have been supportive of her Holly-

wood success but have also taken the excitement in stride. "It's nice to have parents like that because they're thrilled," she says. "But they're not shaken by it."

With the Academy Awards less than two weeks away, the 30-year-old actress says she wants to continue to savor every moment, even the overwhelming ones.

"The Hollywood Film Awards were really stressful," she remembers of the October ceremony, where she shared the spotlight with the likes of Julia Roberts and Matthew McConaughey. "It was the biggest press line I'd ever seen. It was difficult to orient myself, but there are familiar faces now, so it becomes less daunting."

Not only blessed with significant acting ability, Nyong'o's striking beauty and bold fashion choices have made her one of the most talked-about celebs on the red carpet.

From the turquoise Gucci column gown she wore to the Screen Actors Guild Awards to the emerald green Christian Dior dress she chose for the British Academy of Film and Television Arts awards last weekend, she's what "12 Years a Slave" screenwriter John Ridley calls "undeniably poised and graceful."

Despite her tendency to make fashion statements in stunning ensembles, she doesn't feel pressure to always deliver a talked-about look. And the same goes for her feelings about Oscar night.

"I feel privileged that people are looking up to me and perhaps a dream will be born because of my presence," she says. "But my responsibility is to just keep on pursuing my dreams and goals and the admiration will take care of itself."

**Lupita Nyong'o attended the 86th Oscars Nominees Luncheon this month, one of many awards season-related appearances. She is nominated for best supporting actress for her role in best picture nominee "12 Years a Slave." "I was so elated," she says about landing the role. "But then I immediately panicked. I was so scared."**

MATT SAYLES, INVISION/AP

## Jimmy Fallon's 'Tonight Show' debut a ratings hit

From wire reports

Jimmy Fallon's start as host of the long-running "Tonight Show" was a ratings winner.

Nielsen company figures released Tuesday show 11.3 million people tuned in to watch Fallon's New York debut on Monday night. It was the second-biggest audience for "Tonight" since May 2009, when Jay Leno stepped down for Conan O'Brien's brief run as host.

Fallon's "Tonight" debut fell short of the 14.6 million who tuned

in Feb. 6 to see Leno sign off.

Enjoying a post-Winter Olympics time slot, Fallon drew 2 million-plus viewers more than O'Brien's June 2009 "Tonight" opening audience of nearly 9.2 million. NBC says Fallon's "Tonight" debut, with guests Will Smith and U2, was up 71 percent over his Feb. 6 "Late Night" farewell's audience.

### WWE shopping TV properties

Some of television's biggest

properties are up for grabs.

The WWE is shopping "Smackdown," "Raw" and "Total Divas" after failing to come to terms on a new contract with NBCUniversal, whose cable networks are home to the bulk of WWE content.

That doesn't mean that those shows will definitely be moving. Although NBCUniversal's exclusive negotiating window with the WWE expired over the weekend, it still has the right to match any competing offer.

However, NBCUniversal and WWE are far apart on a price.

WWE is looking for a dramatic increase in rights fees.

"Raw," which airs on USA, typically averages almost 5 million viewers. "Smackdown," which is carried by Syfy, has an average audience of 3.2 million.

### Bob Casale, guitarist for Devo, dies

Bob Casale, the guitarist for Devo, best known for the 1980 hit "Whip It," has died of heart failure, his brother and band member Gerald Casale said Tuesday.

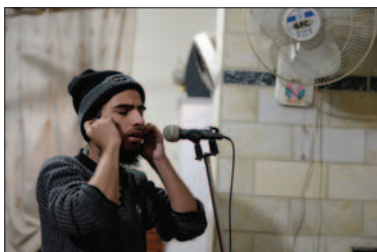


NBC/AP

**Jimmy Fallon brought in ratings for his "Tonight Show" debut.**

He was 61. Devo founding member Casale said in a statement that his younger brother's death Monday was "sudden" and "a total shock."

## MIDEAST



A young muezzin recites the call to prayer at a mosque.



Men pray at a mosque.



Day laborers wait for work in the Kot-e Sangi neighborhood.



Vegetable sellers set up shop at Kabul's main wholesale market for fruits and vegetables.

5:36 A.M.

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# KABUL:

## A DAY IN THE LIFE

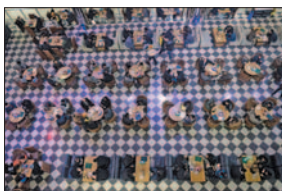
**V**ibrant and mountainous, this Central Asian country is not like any other in the region. Afghanistan's ethnic diversity is resented here — Afghans from the flock to the city, employment. And yet

10:30 A.M.



Men pull a firewood cart down a busy road in the Sher Pur neighborhood.

12:30 P.M.



Lunchtime at the upscale Gulbahar Center.



Money changers work at the bustling Sarai Shazadah money market.

12:30 P.M.

12:35 P.M.



Children play video games at an arcade in the Gulbahar Center mall.



Rush-hour traffic in central Kabul.



A man fills shopkeepers' teapots.



A barber shaves a man's head near the Pul-e Khishti Mosque.



A man opens his shop in the Mandayi neighborhood.



Women eat breakfast on a central Kabul sidewalk.

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View more photos of a day in the life of Kabul  
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KABUL is a chaotic, ringed by mountains and choked by smog, central Asian capital is at the heart of Afghanistan in one city much of the rest of the

Ethnic groups are all repopulated and more so as countryside continue to feel violence and unrest in this sprawling city of 5

million to 6 million is a world away from the rural life most Afghans know.

The braying of donkeys mingles with the constant beeping of car horns in air thick with the scent of grilled meat and diesel. Illegally built mud-wall huts scale steep mountainsides overlooking sparkling new high-rises built on a boom of international money. Maimed war veterans beg for money outside brand-new malls.

Once a sleepy capital, Kabul has seen its population explode since the U.S. invasion of

Afghanistan in 2001, straining resources and causing traffic gridlock that can last all day.

The wedding-cake palaces of warlords and the high-walled compounds of aid groups look out onto gritty, dusty streets, where kids peddle chewing gum and charcoal-smoke blessings. Kabul's open-air markets are bustling and colorful, with Kabulis haggling over

everything from spices to electronics.

Perched at roughly 6,000 feet above sea level, the city is surrounded by mountains offering a dazzling backdrop that reminds a visitor why this used to be a tourist destination. But those days are long gone, and despite being spared much of the violence of the last 12 years of war, the city is nonetheless on edge, as international troops leave Afghanistan and war still rages in the provinces.

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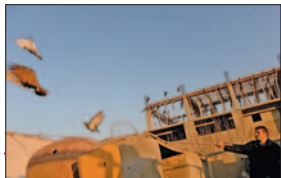
A couple take a walk through Babur Gardens.



Bread is baked in a traditional Afghan bakery on Darulaman Road.



Young men walk the grounds of Darulaman Palace.



A man directs pigeons from his rooftop in the Qale Musa neighborhood.



Sunset from Wazir Akbar Khan hill.

# Asian stocks muted as markets regroup

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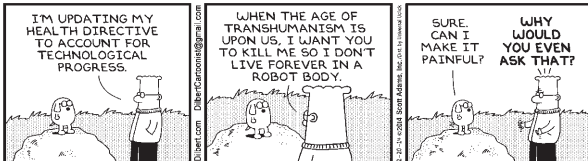
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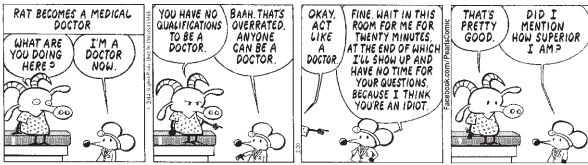
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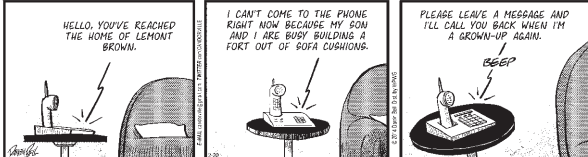
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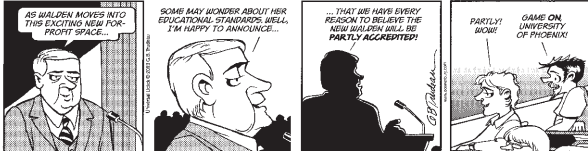
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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### ACROSS

- Soft mineral
- Weep
- Secondhand
- Colorful fish
- PussyCat's partner
- Nixed, at NASA
- Viral phenomenon
- Author Buscaglia
- Biblical kingdom
- Put forth
- Monet or Debussy
- Pond carp
- Superlative ending
- Active
- Lamb, for instance
- Altar affirmative
- Old Oldsmobile
- Discovery cry
- Huge
- Elbow counterpart
- Greek vowel
- Moving vehicle
- Make up your mind
- Baffler
- Leave out
- Plant beard
- Pacific island
- Unless, in law
- Sinbad's bird
- Head light?
- O'Neill title trees
- Powell co-star
- "Star —"

### DOWN

- Big book
- High spot
- Genie's home
- Impudent
- Gls
- Have bills
- United nations
- Restless
- Answer
- "Sounds!"
- Cupola
- "Absolutely not!"
- Michele of "Glee"
- Pen name?
- Ginseng relative
- Grammatical error
- Vast expanse
- Bankruptcy opposite
- The girl
- Pirouette pivot
- Carache
- Blue
- Chess piece
- Indefinite article
- Finished
- Expressionist
- Count counterpart
- gum (food thickener)
- Guy
- Uncontrolled
- Countroll

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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### NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Boston	29	16	6	7	76	125	124		
Tampa Bay	29	16	6	7	76	125	124		
Montreal	29	16	6	7	76	125	124		
Toronto	29	16	6	7	76	125	124		
Detroit	29	16	6	7	76	125	124		
Ottawa	29	16	6	7	76	125	124		
Florida	29	16	6	7	76	125	124		
Buffalo	29	16	6	7	76	125	124		

METROPOLITAN DIVISION									
Team	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Pittsburgh	29	16	6	7	76	125	124		
N.Y. Rangers	29	16	6	7	76	125	124		
Philadelphia	29	16	6	7	76	125	124		
Columbus	29	16	6	7	76	125	124		
Washington	29	16	6	7	76	125	124		
Carolina	29	16	6	7	76	125	124		
Calgary	29	16	6	7	76	125	124		
N.Y. Islanders	29	16	6	7	76	125	124		

WESTERN CONFERENCE					
	Central Division				
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts
St. Louis	57	39	12	6	81
Chicago	60	35	11	14	8
Colorado	58	37	16	5	7
Minnesota	59	31	21	7	6
Dallas	58	27	21	10	6
Winnipeg	60	28	26	6	6
Nashville	59	25	24	10	6
	Pacific Division				
Anaheim	60	41	14	5	8
San Jose	59	37	16	6	8
Los Angeles	59	31	22	6	6
Phoenix	58	27	21	10	6
Vancouver	58	27	24	9	6
Calgary	58	22	29	7	5
Edmonton	60	20	33	7	4
<b>Note:</b> Two points for a win, one for overtime loss.					

# NBA

## Roundup

# Milwaukee scores season-high 42 as Heat defeat Cavs

The Associated Press

**DALLAS** — LeBron James scored a season-high 42 points as the Miami Heat tuned up for a showdown at Oklahoma City by beating the Dallas Mavericks 117-106 Tuesday night.

James, who had his first 40-point game of the season, scored the first eight points and 10 overall in a 14-0 run that put the Heat up 106-95 after they trailed by one entering the fourth quarter.

Miami came out of the All-Star break by winning for the sixth time in seven games heading into James' duel with the Thunder's Kevin Durant on Thursday night.

Dirk Nowitzki led Dallas with 22 points. The deciding run started when James, who had nine rebounds and six assists, stole a pass from Shawn Marion in the backcourt and pulled up for a tying three-pointer.

James hit another three over Marion to put Miami ahead for good, then drove for a dunk off a turnover. His previous season high was 39 in a home win over Dallas.

**Spurs 113, Clippers 93:** Patty Mills scored 16 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter. Tim Duncan had 19 points and 13 rebounds during a foul-plagued 38 minutes, and San Antonio charged out of the break with a victory over host Los Angeles.

**Pacers 108, Hawks 93:** Paul George scored 26 points to lead Indiana over visiting Atlanta.

**Grizzlies 98, Knicks 93:** Mike Conley scored 22 points in his return after missing seven games with an ankle injury. Mike Miller added a season-high 19 and host Memphis weathered New York's rally.

**Suns 112, Nuggets 107 (OT):** Gerald Green scored a career-high 36 points — eight in overtime — as Phoenix handed Denver its fifth successive loss.

**Cavaliers 114, 76ers 85:** Tyler Zeller scored a season-high 18 points and grabbed a career-best 15 rebounds, Kyrie Irving

added 14 points and visiting Cleveland pushed its winning streak to five games with a blowout of slithering Philadelphia.

**Raptors 103, Wizards 93:** Kyle Lowry had 24 points and 10 assists as visiting Toronto broke open a close game in the third quarter before holding off Washington.

**Bobcats 108, Pistons 96:** Al Jefferson had 32 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists as Charlotte beat host Detroit.

**Bucks 104, Magic 100:** Brandon Knight overcame a foot injury, scoring 18 points and making two free throws with 5.5 seconds left to seal host Milwaukee's victory.

## Scoreboard

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	24	29	.457	—
Brooklyn	24	27	.471	4
New York	20	33	.377	10
Boston	19	35	.352	10 1/2
Philadelphia	18	40	.273	15
Southeast Division				
Miami	38	14	.731	—
Atlanta	25	27	.481	11 1/2
Washington	25	28	.472	13 1/2
Charlotte	24	30	.444	15
Orlando	16	39	.291	23 1/2
Central Division				
Indiana	41	12	.774	—
Chicago	27	25	.519	13 1/2
Detroit	22	31	.415	18 1/2
Cleveland	21	33	.389	20 1/2
Milwaukee	10	43	.189	31

### Western Conference

Southwest Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
San Antonio	39	15	.722 —
Houston	36	17	.679 2½
Dallas	32	23	.582 7½
Memphis	30	23	.566 8½
New Orleans	23	29	.442 15
Northwest Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
Oklahoma City	43	12	.782 —
Portland	36	17	.679 6
Minnesota	25	28	.472 17½
Denver	24	28	.462 17½
Utah	19	33	.365 22½
Pacific Division			
	W	L	Pct GB
L.A. Clippers	37	19	.661 —
Phoenix	31	21	.596 4
Golden State	31	22	.585 4½
L.A. Lakers	18	35	.340 17½

**Tuesday's games**  
Indiana 108, Atlanta 98  
Toronto 103, Washington 93  
Milwaukee 104, Orlando 100  
Memphis 98, New York 93  
Charlotte 106, Detroit 96  
Phoenix 112, Denver 107, OT  
San Antonio 113, L.A. Clippers 103  
**Wednesday's games**  
Orlando at Cleveland  
Detroit at Charlotte  
Chicago at Toronto  
Washington at Atlanta  
Atlanta at Minnesota  
New York at New Orleans  
San Antonio at Phoenix  
Brooklyn at Utah  
San Antonio at Portland  
Miami at Milwaukee  
**Thursday's games**  
Houston at L.A. Lakers  
Miami at Oklahoma City  
Chicago at Golden State

### Tuesday

#### Pacers 108, Hawks 98

**ATLANTA** — Martin 47 0-10, 12, Millsap 3-10 4-10, Ayon 0-4 0-0, Teague 3-8 2-0, Williams 6-9 4-18, McCollins 5-0 0-11, Scott 5-9 2-13, Schroder 6-2 2-22, 30.1, 37.7

#### Indiana 81, Magic 66

**INDIANA** — George 8-18 6-26, West 1-0 0-17, Hibbert 9-12 0-0, G.Hill 4-4 0-9, Stephenson 5-11 2-13, Granger 3-6 0-6, Scoll 3-4 4-9, Sloan 0-2 0-0, Butler 0-1 0-0, Copeland 1-2 0-0, Johnson 0-1 0-0, 22.3, 39.9 21-26, 36.1

#### Atlanta 23, Nets 28

**THREE-POINT GOALS** — Atlanta 12-26 (Kevin Martin 3-5, Williams 2-3, Scott 1-2, Millsap 2-3, Schroder 2-3, Teague 0-2, Copeland 1-2, Watson 0-1, Sloan 0-1, Johnson 0-1, Butler 0-1). Rebounds — Orlando 40 (Cleveland 12, Watson 10, Sloan 8, Johnson 8). Fouled out — Orlando 9 (Brandon, Millsap 8, Indiana 4 (West 6), Assistants — Atlanta 26 (Chicago 12, G.Hill, Stephenson 7). Total Fouls — Atlanta 22, Indiana 17, A-18.65 (18.165).



LeBron James prepares to dunk two of his 42 points in the Miami Heat's 116-victory over the host Dallas Mavericks on Tuesday night. James also had nine rebounds and six assists.

### Raptors 103, Wizards 93

**TORONTO** — Ross 1-10 0-2, Patterson 4-7 1-11, 10, Valanciunas 5-7 0-10, Lowry 8-19 6-24, DeRozan 6-13 2-13, Johnson 6-8 2-14, Salmons 3-6 0-0, Handsbrough 3-4 1-7, Vasquez 6-8 0-0 14, Novak 0-0 0-0, Totals 42-74 12-15 103.

### Washington 27, Bulls 25

**WASHINGTON** — Ariza 2-8 0-2, Nene 8-17 1-5 17, Gortat 8-17 2-18, Wall 9-9 3-21, Beal 2-10 4-4 9, Webster 2-5 1-7, Booker 5-6 0-10, Temple 0-3 0-0, Seraphin 2-2 0-0 4, Totals 38-81 13-21 93.

### Washington 27, Bulls 25

**THREE-POINT GOALS** — Toronto 7-16 (Vasquez 2-2, Salmons 2-3, Lowry 2-5, Patterson 1-3, DeRozan 0-3), Washington 3-10 (Ariza 2-5, Wall 1-3, Beal 1-2, Temple 0-1, Ariza 0-2). Fouled out — Patterson 1-2, Washington 1-2 (Gortat, Ariza 1-1). Assistants — Toronto 25 (Lowry 10), Washington 21 (Wall 7), Total Fouls — Toronto 25, Washington 19. Technicals — Washington Coach Wittman 2, A-15.624 (20.308).

### Bucks 104, Magic 100

**ORLANDO** — Harris 6-11 2-13, Davis 1-4 0-2, Vucetic 7-10 5-19, Nelson 4-12 0-9, Afflalo 9-15 0-9 21, Harkless 2-5 0-9, Knight 3-13 12-18, Wolters 6-13 2-15, Antetokounmpo 2-3 3-6, Henson 4-9 0-3, Neal 3-7 0-6, Butler 7-15 0-21, Totals 40-80 9-18 100.

### Milwaukee 35, Nets 28

**MILWAUKEE** — Middleton 5-0 0-0 12, Iyavosa 3-9 2-3, Pachulia 2-4 6-6, Knight 3-13 12-18, Wolters 6-13 2-15, Antetokounmpo 2-3 3-6, Henson 4-9 0-3, Neal 3-7 0-6, Butler 7-15 0-21, Totals 35-82 30-70 100.

### Orlando 25, Bulls 25

**THREE-POINT GOALS** — Orlando 11-25 (Moore 3-6, Afflalo 3-6, Harris 2-3, Lamb 1-1, Harkless 1-2, Nelson 1-6, Oladipo 0-1), Milwaukee 12-26 (Butler 1-13, Middleton 2-3, Antetokounmpo 1-1, Iyavosa 1-2, Wolters 1-2, Neal 0-1, Knight 0-4). Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Orlando 47 (Vucetic, Harris, O'Quinn 9), Milwaukee 55 (Henson 10), Assistants — Orlando 26 (Nelson 13), Milwaukee 25 (Walters 8). Total Fouls — Orlando 24, Milwaukee 15, A-11.106 (18.717).

### Grizzlies 98, Knicks 93

**NEW YORK** — Shumpert 3-9 0-6, Anthony 8-22 5-22, Chandler 4-5 0-11, Felton 2-7 2-2, Prigioni 3-4 0-7, Smith 2-0 0-4, Stoudemire 4-11 4-12, Tyler 2-10 0-4, Hardaway 3-7 1-5 5-23, Totals 35-85 17-29 93.

### Memphis 18-24 93

**MEMPHIS** — Prince 5-8 0-2, 10, Randolph 6-11 2-13, Gasol 4-7 0-8, Conley 2-6 1-2, Sessions 6-8 0-1, Zeller 0-3 1-2, Davis 1-2 0-0, Koufos 2-4 0-4, Miller 1-7 0-19, Johnson 0-2 3-4, Totals 37-75 18-24 93.

### New York 22, Bulls 25

**THREE-POINT GOALS** — New York 6-27 (Hardaway Jr. 4-9, Prigioni 1-3, Anthony 1-5, Smith 0-2, Felton 0-3, Shumpert 0-5), Memphis 6-12 (Miller 5-7, Calathes 1-1, Prince 0-1, Lee 0-1, Conley 0-2). Fouled out — Chandler, Rebourns — New York 48 (Anthony 11), Memphis 49 (Randolph 8). Assistants — New York 15 (Prigioni 10), Memphis 20 (Calathes 5), Total Fouls — New York 23, Memphis 22, A-11.77 (18.119).

### Bobcats 108, Pistons 96

**CHARLOTTE** — Kidd-Gilchrist 3-3 3-8 7, McRoberts 3-5 5-14, Jefferson 15-28 2-3 32, Walker 8-16 3-24, Henderson 3-7 2-6 12, Sessions 6-8 0-1, Zeller 0-3 1-2, Tolliver 1-4 2-5, Blyumbe 1-1 1-4 3, Totals 39-98 13-23 96.

### Detroit 32, Bulls 25

**DETROIT** — Smith 5-7 1-2, Monroe 8-16 2-4 18, Drummond 8-15 0-12 16, Jennings 7-18 8-9 24, Singler 5-9 0-13, Stuckey 1-11 0-2, Caldwell-Pope 0-0 0-0, Jerebko 1-2 0-0 2, Bynum 4-10 1-2 3, Totals 39-98 13-23 96.

### Charlotte 32, Bulls 25

**THREE-POINT GOALS** — Charlotte 7-17 (McRoberts 3-5, Walker 3-7, Tolliver 1-1, Henderson 0-1), Detroit 5-16 (Singler 3-3, Jennings 2-6, Bynum 0-2, Smith 0-2, Stuckey 0-3). Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Charlotte 55 (Jefferson 12), Detroit 46 (Drummond 22), Assistants — Charlotte 25 (Jefferson, Henderson 7), Detroit 20 (Jennings 7), Total Fouls — Charlotte 18, Detroit 24. Technicals — Jefferson, Walker, Jennings, A-11.285 (22.076).

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### Cavaliers 114, 76ers 85

**CLEVELAND** — Deng 5-12 2-13, Thompson 4-9 4-14 22, Della Valle 14-6 18, Irving 5-8 3-3 14, Jack 2-2 2-5, Waiters 5-7 2-13, Bennett 5-9 0-10, Zeller 6-14 16 2-24, Mills 3-6 1-2 10, Sims 2-5 3-4 7, Gec 2-3 3-4 7, Clark 0-0 0-0, Totals 40-87 28-31 114.

### Philadelphia 19, Bulls 25

**PHILADELPHIA** — Turner 3-14 4-15, Young 6-16 2-13, Hawes 1-6 0-2, Carter-Williams 5-9 4-14 22, Zeller 6-14 16 2-24, Mills 3-6 1-2 10, Sims 2-5 3-4 7, Gec 2-3 3-4 7, Clark 0-0 0-0, Totals 40-87 28-31 114.

### Cleveland 32, Bulls 25

**THREE-POINT GOALS** — Cleveland 6-18 (Miles 3-6, Irving 1-1, Deng 1-2, Waiters 1-2, Gec 0-1, Zeller 0-1, Bennett 0-2, Della Valle 0-3), Philadelphia 5-22 (Anderson 2-4, Turner 1-2, Williams 1-5, Young 1-5, Hawes 0-2, Carter-Williams 0-2, Wroten 0-2). Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Cleveland 68 (Zeller 25), Philadelphia 49 (Young 9), Assistants — Cleveland 28 (Jack 7), Philadelphia 17 (Turner 6, 20, Totals 38-81 13-21 93.

### Heat 117, Mavericks 106

**MIAMI** — L.James 16-23 6-8 42, Battier 4-10 0-2, Bosh 8-12 4-6 22, Chalmers 6-12 4-9 22, Wade 7-5 13 22, O'Quinn 4-9 0-0, Anderson 7-9 3-15, Basyay 1-2 0-2, 10, Ellington 2-3 0-0, Totals 34-85 28 32 106.

### Atlanta 23, Nets 28

**THREE-POINT GOALS** — Atlanta 12-26 (L.James 4-8, Bosh 2-4, Chalmers 2-6, Anderson 1-1, Cole 1-2, Battier 0-2, Ellington 1-2, Wade 1-2, O'Quinn 1-2, Basyay 1-2, 10, Ellington 2-3 0-0, Totals 34-85 28 32 106.

### Atlanta 23, Nets 28

**THREE-POINT GOALS** — Atlanta 12-26 (L.James 4-8, Bosh 2-4, Chalmers 2-6, Anderson 1-1, Cole 1-2, Battier 0-2, Ellington 1-2, Wade 1-2, O'Quinn 1-2, Basyay 1-2, 10, Ellington 2-3 0-0, Totals 34-85 28 32 106.

### Suns 112, Nuggets 107 (OT)

**PHOENIX** — Tucker 2-8 9-13, Frye 4-9 0-11, Plumlee 1-5 0-2, Dragic 16-5-12 11, Green 11-22 8-26, Mark-Morris 4-11 5-8 13, Lenn 0-3 0-0, Barbosa 1-7 0-0 2, Fourness 0-9 7-25, Randolph 2-7 0-4, Totals 35-93 31-39 112.

### Denver 35, Bulls 25

**DENVER** — Chandler 4-15 5-15, Faried 17-23 21, Hickson 4-12 3-13, Foye 2-2 8, Hamilton 3-7 1-7, Mozgov 4-6 0-0 6, Fourness 0-9 7-25, Randolph 2-7 0-4, Arthur 3-7 2-4, Totals 38-96 26 37 107.

### Phoenix 25, Bulls 25

**THREE-POINT GOALS** — Phoenix 11-29 (Grunwaldt 4-8, Bosh 2-4, Chalmers 2-6, Anderson 1-1, Cole 1-2, Battier 0-2, Della Valle 0-3), Philadelphia 5-22 (Anderson 2-4, Turner 1-2, Williams 1-5, Young 1-5, Hawes 0-2, Carter-Williams 0-2, Wroten 0-2). Fouled out — None. Rebounds — Phoenix 57 (Mark-Morris 12), Denver 71 (Mozgov 11), Assistants — Phoenix 21 (Griffin 14), Denver 17 (L.James 5), Total Fouls — Phoenix 31, Denver 26, A-16.641 (19.155).

### Spurs 113, Clippers 103

**SAN ANTONIO** — D.Green 5-11 1-14, Duncan 8-19 9-19, Diaw 6-10 0-10, Jo-Jo White 3-6 0-7, Bellinelli 8-17 1-10, Ginobili 2-5 5-6 9, Mills 9 15-5 25, Ayres 1-1 2-0, Bonner 0-1 0-0 0, Bosh 2-4 0-0, Baynes 0-0 1-2, Totals 48-86 11-21 103.

### San Antonio 24, Nets 28

**THREE-POINT GOALS** — San Antonio 9-20 (Bellinelli 3-6, D.Green 3-8, Mills 2-3, Jo-Jo White 3-6, Ginobili 1-1, Bonner 0-1, Paul 0-1, Barnes 0-3). Fouled out — None. Rebounds — San Antonio 57 (Duncan 13), Clippers 49 (Jordan 18), Assistants — San Antonio 26 (Duncan 7), L.A. Clippers 19 (Paul 7), Total Fouls — San Antonio 28, L.A. Clippers 20. Technicals — Griffin, A-19.57 (19.660).

### Leaders

Scoring	FG	FT	Pts
Durant, OKC	54	558	645
James, MIA	50	513	626
Jamir, MIN	51	500	293
Wade, MIA	50	418	342
Griffin, LAC	50	399	316
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Harden, HOU	45	339	1075
Cousins, SAC	46	309	1077
George, IN	46	309	1077
DeRozan, TOR	51	396	294
Nowitzki, DAL	50	396	1135
Irving, CLE	51	393	1087
Irving, CLE	51	393	1087
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### Rebounds

Reb	Off	Def	Total
Jordan, LAC	24	553	787
Low, MIN	50	163	498
Drummond, DET	53	294	404
Howard, LAC	51	275	469
Cousins, SAC	46	147	393
Griffin, LAC	50	147	393
Alridge, POR	53	125	477
Boyd, GOR	48	141	314
Jefferson, MEM	51	164	362

### Assists

Assists	FG	FT	Pts
Curry, GSW	45	396	88
Wall, WAS	53	450	85
Rubio, MEM	51	411	81
Jennings, DET	51	411	81
Lowry, TOR	53	405	76

# HIGH SCHOOLS: DODDS PACIFIC

# Daegu sweeps Far East D-II championships

Boys defeat Perry for first Division II title in 24 years while girls beat Edgren to regain crown

Stars and Stripes

Call Wednesday a day of redemption for Daegu basketball.

The Warriors boys and girls teams took their respective Far East Division II tournament titles, wiping away the disappointment of last season and, in the boys case, ending a 24-year title drought.

Following their disappointing seventh-place finish after being seeded No. 1 in last year's tournament, the Warriors girls regained the Far East title they last won in 2012, riding a strong second half to a 43-35 win over Edgren in the finals at Camp Walker, South Korea.

"This was a sweet win," coach Felicia Ferguson said.

In the boys tournament at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, the Warriors burst in front quickly on host M.C. Perry and cruised to a 70-56 win — the first Division II title for Daegu since 1989-90.

It came a year after the Warriors crashed out in two games after being the top seed in the D-II boys tournament.

"It's a wonderful feeling, absolutely phenomenal. I'm happy the boys were able to succeed," coach Phillip Loyd said, adding that the title lifted a weight off the team's shoulders. "We look at that [1989-90] banner every day at practice," he said.

The girls win capped a campaign that saw the Warriors win the Korean-American Interscholastic Activities Conference Blue Division regular-season title, losing center Auburn Hood along the way, then falling in the tournament final 37-29 to Seoul American.

It was that disappointment that fueled the Warriors' fire, Ferguson said.

"We told them KAIAAC was over and done. We have another title to play for. They came out, played as a team, executed; they wanted it. They had something to prove."

Edgren lost for the third time in four trips to a Far East final; the Eagles played for and lost in Division I finals in 2000 and 2002.

It looked early on as if Edgren would have a chance, as they took advantage of Daegu point guard Rheagan Wyche being on the bench with two fouls. The Eagles,



MANDOLYN PETERSON/Special to Stars and Stripes

**M.C. Perry's Jarell Davis watches as Daegu's Tre Johnson scores on a layup during Wednesday's championship game in the Far East boys Division II tournament at M.C. Perry High School, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan.**

who got 21 points from Wyche's opposite number, Vanessa Black, led by two points at half.

"We came out a little slow," Ferguson said, adding that Wyche's

return in the second half provided the spark the Warriors needed with a couple of steals.

The Warriors outscored the Eagles 26-16 in the second half.



ALYSSA KWATEK/Special to Stars and Stripes

**Daegu's Rheagan Wyche drives to the basket against Edgren's Alyssa Rodriguez during Wednesday's championship game in the Far East girls Division II tournament at Camp Walker, South Korea. Daegu beat Edgren 43-35 for its second title in three years.**

"It came down to who wanted it the baddest and they came out and played hard in the second half," Ferguson said, adding that Edgren was a worthy adversary. "They [Eagles] played with heart. They're quick and they play together."

Rachel Wyche led the Warriors with 12 points and Taylor Myatt added 10.

"For them to bounce back, especially after losing Hood, they said they were going to do it and they did," Ferguson said.

Unlike Daegu's girls, the boys entered Far East coming off a second-place KAIAAC regular-season finish before upsetting league champion Seoul American 60-59 in the KAIAAC tournament final on Feb. 8.

That championship was an epiphany for the Warriors, Loyd said.

"Since we won the championship, we finally learned how to deliver, we finally had a sense of team and played like one. I think the KAIAAC really helped us," Loyd said.

Unlike the girls Far East final, Daegu was in control all the way against a bedraggled Samurai

squad that was playing its fifth game Wednesday. Had they beaten Daegu, a second "if necessary" final game would have been required in the tournament's double-elimination format.

The Johnson of Daegu paced all scorers with 21 points and Dawud Abdul-Azeez added 20 for the Warriors. Vincent Ermitano led the Samurai with 14 points and Jarell Davis tossed in 12.

Earlier Wednesday in the championship bracket final, Daegu escaped Perry 58-56 and in that game made what Loyd called mistakes that helped keep the Samurai in the game.

"We eliminated those mistakes and played hard and got a comfortable lead," Loyd said. "They [Samurai] have some phenomenal shooters."

Matthew C. Perry was appearing in its first Division II final since 1996, the last year it won it. Both of the Samurai's titles were won at home.

It's the second Division II title each won by Daegu boys and girls programs this school year. The Warriors also won the Division II girls volleyball and football titles in the fall.

## Scoreboard

### Far East championships

Boys	
Division I	
Kadena 45, Father Dumas 25	St. Mary's 41, Seoul American 37
Faith Academy 64, American School in Japan 53	
George Washington 50, CAJ 44, OT	KJ 59, Kinrick 34
Oklkido 53, Yokota 44	Seoul American 39
ASJ 53, Father Dumas 40	CAJ 44, Kinrick 38
JFK 73, Yokota 71, OT	Gum 57, George Washington 30
Semifinals	
Faith 58, Kadena 52	Kubasaki 55, Okkido 34

Thursday's schedule	
ASIG vs. Okkido, 8:30 a.m.	JFK vs. Kadena, 8:30 a.m.
Seoul American vs. Christian Academy Japan, winner finishes 13th	Southern vs. George Washington, 10 a.m., winner finishes 11th
St. Mary's vs. Guam, 11:30 a.m., winner finishes ninth	George Washington vs. Yokota, 11:30 a.m., winner finishes seventh
JFK-Kadena loser vs. ASU-Okkido loser, 1 p.m., winner finishes fifth	Kinnick vs. Seoul American-CAJ loser, 2:30 p.m., winner finishes 14th
JFK-Kadena winner vs. ASU-Okkido winner, 4 p.m., winner finishes third	
Championship	
Faith Academy vs. Kubasaki, 5:30 p.m.	
Division II	
Wednesday	
King 56, Humphreys 38	

Edgren 59, Zion Christian 47	Perry 41, Zama 37
Daegu 57, King 42	Okinaawa Christian 64, Osan 47
Zama 41, Humphreys 35, Humphreys eliminated	Osan 58, King 44, King eliminated
Zama 74, Zion 57, Zion eliminated	Daegu 58, Edgren 35
Perry 58, Okinaawa Christian 37	Zama 60, Okinaawa Christian 32, Okinaawa Christian eliminated
Edgren 52, Osan 43, Osan eliminated	Daegu 58, Perry 56
Zama 48, Edgren 46, Edgren eliminated	Perry 52, Zama 37
Championship	
Daegu 70, Perry 50	
Girls	
Division I	
Wednesday	
Kinnick 34, Christian Academy Japan 31	

Okkido 52, Guam 32	George Washington 50, Yokota 42
ASJ 54, Seisen 31	Academy of Our Lady 51, Notre Dame 40
Southern 68, Kubasaki 59	Kadena 46, Seoul American 37
Yokota 51, Guam 12	JFK 37, Kinnick 34, OT
Okkido 53, George Washington 47	Notre Dame 44, Seisen 38
Kubasaki 39, Seoul American 34	ASJ 42, Academy of Our Lady 35
Semifinals	
Kadena 53, Southern 47	Notre Dame vs. Southern, 10 a.m.
Kubasaki vs. Academy of Our Lady, 10 a.m.	CAJ vs. Yokota, 11:30 a.m., winner finishes 13th
Kinnick vs. George Washington, 11th place	

Seisen vs. Seoul American, 1 p.m., seventh place	JFK vs. Okkido, 1 p.m., ninth place
Guam vs. CAJ-Yokota loser, 2:30 p.m., winner finishes 14th	Notre Dame-Southern loser vs. Kubasaki-Academy of Our Lady loser, 2:30 p.m., fifth place
Notre Dame-Southern winner vs. Kubasaki-Academy of Our Lady winner, 4 p.m., third place	
Championship	
American School in Japan vs. Kadena, 5:30 p.m.	
Division II	
Edgren 44, King 38, King eliminated	Daegu 34, Zama 28
Edgren 52, Zama 39, Zama eliminated	
Championship	
Daegu 43, Edgren 35	

# HIGH SCHOOL/MLB



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Keylee Soto of Naples gets past Ansbach's Jahkya Smith to score in the Wildcats' 36-21 win in Division II action at the DODDS Europe basketball championships in Wiesbaden, Germany, on Wednesday.

## DODDS Europe basketball scoreboard

**Boys**  
**Division I**  
**Wednesday**  
No games scheduled  
**Thursday's schedule**  
**Seeds in 0**  
Vilseck (6) vs. International School of Belgium (7), 8 a.m.  
Ramstein (4) vs. Lakenheath (5), 10:30 a.m.  
Patch (3) vs. ISB, 1 p.m.  
Kaiserslautern (2) vs. Vilseck, 3:30 p.m.  
Wiesbaden (1) vs. Lakenheath, 6 p.m.  
Kaiserslautern vs. Patch, 7:15 p.m.  
**Division II**  
**Wednesday**  
**(Pool A)**  
Bahrain 54, Marymount 32  
Vicenza 58, Black Forest Academy 29  
BFA 34, Marymount 20  
Vicenza 67, Bahrain 38  
**(Pool B)**  
American Overseas School of Rome 68, Alconbury 28  
BAH 67, Baumholder 32  
Alconbury 69, Alconbury 47  
AOSR 70, SHAPE 52  
**(Pool C)**  
Naples 38, Bitburg 18  
Hohenfels 31, Rota 14  
Bitburg 44, Rota 35  
Naples 56, Hohenfels 54, OT  
**(Pool D)**  
Bamberg/Schweinfurt 35, Aviano 29  
AFNORTH 44, Ansbach 27  
Bamberg/Schweinfurt 31, Ansbach 30  
AFNORTH 60, Aviano 25  
**Thursday's schedule**  
**Seeds in 0**  
Vicenza (1) vs. Marymount (16), 8 a.m.  
SHAPE (2) vs. Alconbury (15), 9:15 a.m.  
American Overseas School of Rome (7) vs. Baumholder (10), 10:30 a.m.  
Hohenfels (3) vs. Bitburg (14), 10:30 a.m.  
Naples (6) vs. Rota (11), 10:30 a.m.

Aviano (5) vs. Ansbach (12), 10:30 a.m.  
AFNORTH (4) vs. Bamberg/Schweinfurt (13), 10:30 a.m.  
Bahrain (8) vs. Black Forest Academy (9), 11:45 a.m.  
**Round of 16**  
TBD, 2:15 p.m.  
TBD, 3:30 p.m.  
TBD, 4:45 p.m.  
TBD, 4:45 p.m.  
TBD, 6 p.m.  
TBD, 6 p.m.  
TBD, 7:15 p.m.  
TBD, 7:15 p.m.  
**Division II**  
**Wednesday**  
**Seeds in 0**  
No games scheduled  
**Thursday's schedule**  
**Seeds in 0**  
Brussels (1) vs. Incirlik (3), 11:45 a.m.  
Sigonnella (2) vs. Menwith Hill (4), 11:45 a.m.  
Menwith Hill vs. Ankara (5), 2:15 p.m.  
Brussels vs. Lajes, 4:45 p.m.  
Sigonnella vs. Ankara, 4:45 p.m.

**Girls**  
**Division I**  
**Wednesday**  
**(Pool A)**  
No games scheduled  
**Thursday's schedule**  
**Seeds in 0**  
Ramstein (4) vs. Lakenheath (5), 11:15 a.m.  
Vilseck (6) vs. ISB (7), 9:15 a.m.  
Wiesbaden (2) vs. Vilseck, 2:15 p.m.  
Patch (3) vs. ISB, 4:45 p.m.  
Wiesbaden vs. Patch, 7:15 p.m.  
Kaiserslautern (1) vs. Lakenheath, 7:15 p.m.  
**Division II**  
**Wednesday**  
**(Pool A)**  
Bitburg 39, Bahrain 16  
Naples 36, Ansbach 21  
Ansbach 52, Bahrain 21  
Naples (1) vs. Bitburg (8), late

Rota 34, vs. Baumholder 28  
Aviano 23, Vicenza 21  
Vicenza 28, Baumholder 19  
Aviano 36, Rota 24  
**(Pool C)**  
Hohenfels 31, Alconbury 19  
Alconbury 38, Marymount 17  
Hohenfels 34, SHAPE 26  
**(Pool D)**  
BFA 46, Bamberg/Schweinfurt 12  
AFNORTH 32, AOSR 6  
AOSR 39, Bamberg/Schweinfurt 28  
BFA 27, AFNORTH 12  
**Thursday's schedule**  
**Seeds in 0**  
Naples (1) vs. Bahrain (16), 8 a.m.  
Aviano (2) vs. Baumholder (15), 8 a.m.  
Hohenfels (3) vs. Marymount (14), 8 a.m.  
AFNORTH (4) vs. Bamberg/Schweinfurt (13), 9 a.m.  
Black Forest Academy (5) vs. American Overseas School of Rome (12), 9:15 a.m.  
SHAPE (6) vs. Alconbury (11), 9:15 a.m.  
Rota (7) vs. Vicenza (10), 9:15 a.m.  
Bitburg (8) vs. Ansbach (9), 9:15 a.m.  
Round of 16  
TBD, 1 p.m.  
TBD, 1 p.m.  
TBD, 2:15 p.m.  
TBD, 2:15 p.m.  
TBD, 3:30 p.m.  
TBD, 3:30 p.m.  
TBD, 4:45 p.m.

**Division III**  
**Wednesday**  
No games scheduled  
**Thursday's schedule**  
**Seeds in 0**  
Brussels (1) vs. Incirlik (3), 1 p.m.  
Sigonnella (2) vs. Menwith Hill (4), 1 p.m.  
Menwith Hill vs. Ankara (5), 3:30 p.m.  
Incirlik vs. Lajes (6), 3:30 p.m.  
Brussels vs. Lajes, 6 p.m.  
Sigonnella vs. Ankara, 6 p.m.

# Managers ready to test video replay

By BOB BAUM  
The Associated Press  
PHOENIX — Major League Baseball managers are getting ready to test the expanded instant replay system.

While most seem to embrace the idea, they acknowledge it's uncharted territory and yet another strategic tool to employ during games.

"I think there's some anxiety because we don't fully understand it yet," Cleveland Indians manager Terry Francona said.

The issue was a consistent line of questioning when managers and general managers of the 15 teams that hold spring training in Arizona gathered for MLB media day on Tuesday.

"It's going to be baptism under fire," San Diego Padres skipper Bud Black said.

All clubs will get a chance to test the new system in a handful of spring training games, although details of that schedule had not been determined.

Each team will get at least a minimum number of games this spring to test the rules. Teams with more spring training games that are televised probably will have more opportunities to try out the new procedure.

"They're going to take a day next week and give us a learning session, then one again in March, and there'll be some games later in the spring," Francona said. "The more we learn, the better I'm sure we're all going to feel because we're used to doing things one way. Especially in our sport, we're kind of creatures of habit, and it's going to be an important part of the game. ... So you want to be good at it."

Under the new rules, each manager will get to challenge at least one call per game. If the challenge is upheld, the manager gets another one. From the seventh inning on, if the manager has used up his challenge, umpires can call for a review. All video reviews will be overseen by umpires in New York.

"I don't think anything is going to be real hard," Kansas City

manager Ned Yost said. "I think it's going to be real interesting. We're still learning, we're still trying to understand the process and we don't really get much room to practice in spring training because there's not many games televised. But I don't see it being a huge challenge. It's going to be another tough decision to make."

Oakland manager Bob Melvin said the Athletics already are analyzing statistics that would help him determine which calls to challenge.

"We're a statistical organization. We look at numbers," he said. "Our people are looking at it now."

Melvin said one of his main concerns is how much time a manager will have to decide whether to challenge.

"I'm glad we're going to test this thing out," he said. "We'll all have a better feeling once the season starts."

It will take time for managers to decide just how to use the tool in terms of strategy, whether to avoid challenging early in a game so the opportunity will still exist later.

"The idea is really solid," Francona said. "They're trying to get to where the game isn't decided by a bad call. Every other sport is trying to do it, and with technology the way it is, umpires are really the only ones who don't have the use of it. The game's going fast, and everybody else has the ability to slow it down except for the umpire."

There is less certainty over a proposed ban on home plate collisions.

San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy said that according to a recent conference call, the rule is close to being written. Melvin, though, said he's heard it might not be in place this year.

"I would like to see what the details of this are, because I think there are going to be some growing pains and a learning curve with it," Melvin said. "Whether it's the runner has to slide, the catcher can't block the plate — those are such instinctive things that just to say, 'Hey, you can't do this anymore,' there's going to be some problems."

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# Villanova escapes Providence in 2 OTs

## Arcidiacono's three-point play keeps No. 9 Wildcats in tie for Big East lead

By KEN POWTAK  
The Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Ryan Arcidiacono felt he had a great chance to win it at the end of the first overtime. He knew what he was doing when he got another chance.

Arcidiacono had a three-point play with 3.6 seconds left in the second overtime to lift No. 9 Villanova to an 82-79 win over Providence on Tuesday night.

"We had the ball and called timeout with 16 seconds left," he said. "Coach wanted me to run a play with about 8 (seconds). I missed the first two and got to the lane in the first OT, and thought I could again."

Arcidiacono led the Wildcats (23-3, 11-2 Big East) with 21 points. JayVaughn Pinkston had 20 and James Bell 17. Villanova moved into a tie for first atop the Big East with Creighton.

"Great college basketball game, great atmosphere, great fans and Providence played great, so did we," Wildcats coach Jay Wright said. "I was just proud to be a part of it — proud of our guys."

Wright still will not cover a 100-81 loss at Creighton on Sunday, but was pleased how his team responded.

"I'm not great at resiliency, this stuff eats at me, but these guys are," he said. "Talking to our staff I asked, 'How are they?' They said, 'They're great, man. They're ready to go.'"

Bryce Cotton led the Friars (17-10, 7-7) with 22 points despite shooting just 6-for-20. Kadeem Batts finished with 21 and 11 rebounds, but fouled out on Arcidiacono's game-winning basket. Josh Fortune added 16 points and Tyler Harris 15.

"It was a game that whoever had the ball last was probably going to win," Providence coach Ed Cooley said.

After missing shots at the end of regulation and OT, Arcidiacono drove to the basket, banking in a shot as he was fouled.

It's something the guard said they practice, going to the basket hard and not getting fouls called.

"If anyone is there, we don't get any calls and we could get hacked," he said. "I think we practice for the road environment and everything going against us. We responded. We like each other and we were ready to go. No one panicked after regulation and the first overtime. We stuck together and knew if we do what we do, we'd come out with the win."

LaDontae Henton's three from the left corner bounced off the front of the rim as the horn sounded, allowing Villanova to escape with the win.

Pinkston had a pair of post-up turnarounds in the second overtime, the second gave the Wildcats a 79-76 edge with 46 seconds left, but Cotton made a three-pointer with 24.1 seconds left.

"They are a great team with so many different weapons," Cooley said. "You try and take away the three, but they have Pinkston, who is a tough matchup for everybody."

With Villanova trailing 70-67 in OT, Daniel Ochefu scored on a baseline drive for and was fouled, but missed the free throw. After Batts missed a short jumper, Dar-run Hilliard nailed a 3 from the left wing to push the Wildcats ahead 72-70 with 1 minute left.

Cotton followed with a twisting, spinning reverse layup, retying it with 37 seconds left.

Arcidiacono then missed driv-



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Villanova guard Ryan Arcidiacono (15) goes up for a layup while being fouled by Providence forward Kadeem Batts (10) during the last seconds of Tuesday's game in Providence, R.I. Arcidiacono scored on the play as No. 9 Villanova won 82-79 in double overtime.

ing shot, sending the game to the second OT.

Villanova beat Providence by 30 points at home on Jan. 5 in the first meeting this season.

Tyler Harris had nailed a 3-pointer to give Providence a 66-63 edge on its first possession of the first possession of OT.

Villanova was clinging to a 63-60 edge in the closing minute when Henton nailed a three from the right wing for his first basket — and points — of the game with 20.4 seconds left.

Arcidiacono missed a long three in the closing seconds and Providence rushed the ball up with Henton quickly releasing a 10-foot jumper that rolled off the rim just as the buzzer sounded,

sending the game to OT.

Villanova, coming off the 19-point loss at Creighton on Sunday, played tight man-to-man defense from the start, but it didn't matter because Providence's hot shooting was too much for the Wildcats.

"I still haven't gotten over the Creighton game yet," Wright joked. "I will. I like this team. It's fun coaching this team. We get on them about mistakes, but they don't get down."

The Friars nailed nine of their initial 13 shots from the floor en route to a 22-13 lead 9 minutes into the first half. Fortune had 10 points in the opening minutes.

The teams were tied at 33 at halftime.

# No. 8 Kansas rallies past Texas Tech

By BETSY BLANEY  
The Associated Press

LUBBOCK, Texas — Kansas coach Bill Self felt more than a little fortunate that his No. 8 Jayhawks pulled out a 64-63 win against a tough Texas Tech team.

Andrew Wiggins' layup with two seconds left lifted Kansas to victory on Tuesday night. The score was tied nine times and the lead changed 13 times.

"I think sometimes you could say they were a little lucky," he said of the Red Raiders. "They threw some in at the end of the shot clock that maybe weren't the highest percentage shots, and we were a little lucky that the ball just happened to bounce to Wiggins there at the end. That's part of it."

"We've been unlucky and we've been lucky before, and they usually balance out over time."

The freshman finished with 19 points, and Joel Embiid matched his career high with 15 to lead the Jayhawks (20-6, 11-2). Kansas reached 20 wins for the 25th consecutive season, and 11 consecutive victories for the 20th straight year.

Texas Tech's Robert Turner sank two free throws with 16 seconds left to put the Red Raiders up 63-62, but Kansas brought the ball up and got it inside to Wiggins for the win.

Jordan Tolbert scored 16 points and Dejan Kravic added 13 to lead Texas Tech (13-3, 5-8).

The Jayhawks own a two-game lead in the Big 12 after Texas fell 85-76 at Iowa State on Tuesday.

"It's big, it's big, but it doesn't mean anything unless we win Saturday," Self said of Kansas' home game against the Longhorns. "That's the game that would give us some serious breathing room, although we've got a little bit now, and it was big tonight."

"I wasn't banking on them losing, all I wanted to do was win two games this week, and if we were able to do that then it would be a great week."



STEPHEN SPILLMAN, LUBBOCK AVANCE-JOURNAL/AP

Texas Tech's Robert Turner is defended by Kansas' Jamari Traylor, center, and Conner Frankamp in Tuesday's game in Lubbock, Texas.

## Roundup

# Duke rolls to road win over Georgia Tech

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Jabari Parker had 16 points and 14 rebounds, and No. 5 Duke rolled past Georgia Tech 68-51 on Tuesday night.

Rodney Hood sank four three-pointers and scored 14 points for Duke, which never trailed and led by double figures for the final 28 minutes. The Blue Devils (21-5, 10-3 Atlantic Coast Conference) have won four straight and nine of 10.

Duke is in a hectic run of four games in eight days. The Blue Devils will play at North Carolina on Thursday before facing No. 1 Syracuse on Saturday. The stretch began with a win at Mary-

land on Saturday.

Robert Carter Jr. led Georgia Tech (13-13, 4-9 ACC) with 13 points. Kammeon Holsley had 12, and Chris Bolden added 10.

Duke, which has lost twice on the road to unranked conference opponents Notre Dame and Clemson, was 3-3 in ACC road games before Tuesday.

**No. 6 San Diego St. 60, Utah St. 45:** Matt Shrigley scored 15 points, including four three-pointers, and host San Diego State (23-2, 12-1 Mountain West Conference) used a stifling defense to beat Utah State (15-11, 5-9) for its 12th straight home victory.

**No. 11 Louisville 80, South Florida 54:** Russ Smith scored 19

points and host Louisville (22-4, 11-2 American Athletic Conference) overcame foul troubles to run away from South Florida (12-15, 3-11).

**No. 14 Virginia 57, Virginia Tech 53:** Justin Anderson and Joe Harris made consecutive three-pointers as visiting Virginia (22-5, 13-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) rallied from an 11-point, second-half deficit in a victory over Virginia Tech (9-16, 2-11).

**No. 17 Iowa St. 85, No. 19 Texas 76:** Melvin Ejim scored 25 points and DeAndre Kane added 22 to help host Iowa State (20-5, 8-5 Big 12) beat Texas (20-6, 9-4) for its fifth victory in six games.

**No. 18 Kentucky 84, Mississippi 70:** Julius Randle had 25 points and 13 rebounds, Aaron Harrison added 17 points as visiting Kentucky (20-6, 10-3 Southeastern Conference) beat Mississippi (16-10, 7-6).

**St. John's 77, Butler 52:** Jakkarr Sampson scored a career-high 23 points and host St. John's (18-9, 8-6) pulled away from Butler (12-14, 2-12) for its sixth straight win.

**Tennessee 67, Georgia 48:** Jarnell Stokes had 20 points and 11 rebounds as host Tennessee (16-10, 7-6 SEC) trounced Georgia (14-11, 8-5) and snapped the Bulldogs' four-game winning streak.

# OLYMPICS

## Scoreboard

Medals count				
At Sochi, Russia				
Through Wednesday, Feb. 19				
Of 98 events over 10 days				
Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
United States	7	5	11	23
Russia	6	9	7	22
Netherlands	6	4	7	20
Norway	5	9	4	18
Canada	5	9	4	18
Germany	3	2	6	11
France	3	2	6	11
Switzerland	3	2	6	11
Austria	2	6	1	9
Czech Republic	2	4	2	8
Slovenia	2	1	4	7
Italy	0	2	5	7
U.S.	0	2	5	7
China	3	2	1	6
Poland	4	0	0	4
South Korea	2	2	1	5
Finland	1	3	0	4
Australia	2	0	1	3
Latvia	0	1	2	3
Britain	1	0	1	2

Men's giant slalom				
Wednesday				
At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia				
Final Ranking				
(First and second runs in parentheses)				
1. Ted Ligety, Park City, Utah, (1, 1:21.08; 14, 1:24.21) 2:45.29				
2. Benjamin Raich, France, (10, 1:22.58; 1, 1:23.19) 2:45.77				
3. Alexis Pinturault, France, (6, 1:22.44; 1, 1:23.49) 2:45.93				
4. Marcel Hirscher, Austria, (7, 1:22.47; 1, 1:23.50) 2:46.23				
5. Ondrej Bank, Czech Republic, (2, 1:23.50) 2:47.13				
6. Matthias Mayer, Austria, (4, 1:22.41; 1, 1:23.50) 2:45.93				
7. Benjamin Raich, Austria, (13, 1:22.67; 4, 1:23.68) 2:46.35				
8. Neureuther, Germany, (8, 1:22.51; 11, 1:24.08) 2:46.59				
9. Jim Tjiffl, Reno, Nev., (21, 1:23.23; 13, 1:23.90) 2:47.13				
10. Jari Räsänen, Finland, (13, 1:22.67; 13, 1:23.68) 2:46.35				
11. Jari Räsänen, Finland, (13, 1:23.68; 13, 1:23.68) 2:46.35				
12. Jari Räsänen, Finland, (13, 1:23.68; 13, 1:23.68) 2:46.35				

Bobsled	
Wednesday	
At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia	
Women	
Final	
1. Canada 1 (Kaillie Humphries, Heather Moyse), 3:50.61	
2. United States 1 (Elana Meyers, Doug Baldwin, Lauren Williams, Rochester, Pa.), 3:50.71	
3. United States 2 (Jamie Greubel, Noreen, Pa., Alia Evans, Chicago), 3:51.61	
4. Netherlands 1 (Esme Kamphuis, Judith Vis), 3:52.27	
5. Germany 2 (Sandra Kiriasis, Franziska Fritz), 3:52.29	
6. Belgium 1 (Elfiel Willemsen, Hanna Emille Martens), 3:52.57	
7. Germany 1 (Cathleen Martini, Christin Senke), 3:52.71	
8. Switzerland 1 (Fabienne Meyer, Tanja Mayer), 3:53.20	
Other U.S. Finisher	
11. United States 3 (Jazmine Fenlator, Wayne, N.J., Lolo Jones, Des Moines, Iowa), 3:53.97	

# Cross-country skiing

## Wednesday

### At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia

#### Men's Team Sprint

#### Final

1. Finland (Iivo Niskanen, Sami Jaervo), 2:31.49
2. Russia (Maxim Vylegzhanin, Nikita Kravtsov), 2:31.56
3. Sweden (Emil Jönsson, Teodor Peterson), 2:32.01
4. Norway (Olav Vigen Hattestad, Petter J. Northug), 2:33.55
5. Switzerland (Dario Cologna, Gianluca Cologna), 2:33.90
6. United States (Simi Hamilton, Aspen, Colo., Erik Bjornsen, Winthrop, Wash.), 2:34.95
7. Germany (Hannes Dotzler, Tim Tscharnke), 2:35.02
8. Kazakhstan (Nikolay Chebotko, Alexey Potanin), 2:40.13
9. Czech Republic (Martin Jaks, Ales Razymov), 2:40.81
- NR France (Cyril Miranda, Jean Marc Gailillard), DNS

#### Women's Team Sprint

#### Final

1. Norway (Ingvild Flugstad Østberg, Mari Bjørgerod), 1:50.05
2. Finland (Aino-Kaisa Saari, Kerttu Niskanen), 1:51.14
3. Sweden (Ida Ingemarsson, Stina Nilsson), 1:52.83
4. Germany (Stefanie Boehler, Denise Herrmann), 1:52.97
5. Poland (Gyulvia Jaskowicz, Justyna Kowalczyk), 1:53.54
6. Russia (Anastasiya Dotenko, Julia Ivanova), 1:54.31
7. Switzerland (Betina Gruber, Seraina Boner), 1:54.47
8. United States (Sophie Caldwell, Peru, Vt., Kikkan Randall, Anchorage, Alaska), 1:54.88
9. Austria (Katerina Smeckova, Teresa Stadlober), 1:55.48
10. Slovenia (Alenka Sebsek, Katja Visnar), 1:57.38

## Speedskating

Wednesday	
At Sochi, Russia	
Women's 500m	
1. Martina Sablikova, Czech Republic, 65:54	
2. Ireen Wust, Netherlands, 65:48.28	
3. Carlen Kleiboeck, Netherlands, 65:56	
4. Olga Graf, Russia, 65:57.77	
5. Claudia Reichstetter, Germany, 65:58.39	
6. Vonne Nauta, Netherlands, 7:01.76	
7. Mari Hemmer, Norway, 7:04.45	
8. Stephanie Beckert, Germany, 7:07.75	
U.S. Finisher	
16. Maria Lam, River Falls, Wis., 7:29.64	

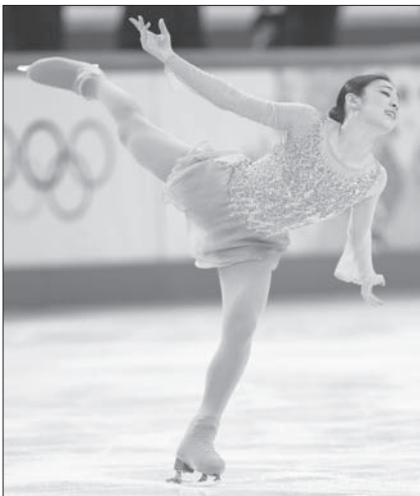
## Snowboard

Wednesday	
At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia	
Men's Parallel Giant Slalom	
Semifinals	
Heat 1	
W. (8) Nevin Galmarini, Switzerland, (0.00, 0.00)	
L. (5) Zan Kosir, Slovenia, (+0.12, +1.36)	
Heat 2	
W. (7) Vic Wild, Russia, (0.00, 0.00)	
L. (21) Patrick Bussler, Germany, (+0.86, +2.61)	
Bronze Medal	
W. (5) Zan Kosir, Slovenia, (0.00, 0.00)	
L. (21) Patrick Bussler, Germany, (+0.72, +2.26)	
Gold Medal	
W. (7) Vic Wild, Russia, (+0.54, 0.00)	
L. (8) Nevin Galmarini, Switzerland, (0.00, +2.14)	

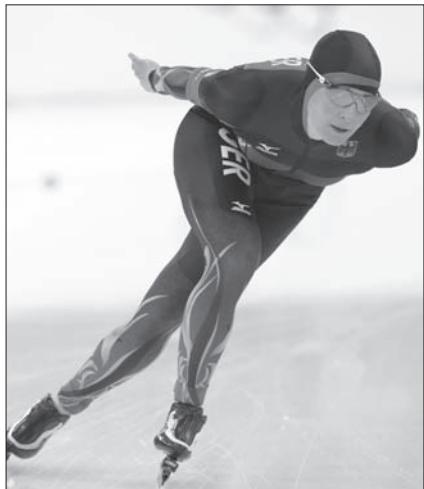
Women's Parallel Giant Slalom	
Semifinals	
Heat 1	
W. (8) Tomoka Takeuchi, Japan, (0.00, 0.00)	
L. (11) Ina Meschik, Austria, (+1.01, 0.00)	
Heat 2	
W. (1) Patrizia Kummer, Switzerland, (+0.04, 0.00)	
L. (21) Alena Zavarzina, Russia, (0.00, 0.00)	
Bronze Medal	
W. (21) Alena Zavarzina, Russia, (+0.01, 0.00)	
L. (11) Ina Meschik, Austria, (0.00, +0.82)	
Gold Medal	
W. (1) Patrizia Kummer, Switzerland, (+0.30, 0.00)	
L. (8) Tomoka Takeuchi, Japan, (0.00, +7.32)	

## Biathlon

Wednesday	
At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia	
Mixed Relay	
2X6km Women + 2X7.5km Men	
(Penalties in parentheses)	
1. Norway (Tora Berger, Tiril Eckhoff, Ole Einar Bjørndalen, Emil Hegle Svendsen), 1:09:17.0 (0+0)	
2. Czech Republic (Veronika Vitkova, Gabriela Soukalova, Jarašou Soukup, Ondrej Moravec), 1:09:49.6 (0+0)	



Yuna Kim of South Korea competes in the short program figure skating competition at the Iceberg Skating Palace on Wednesday.



Claudia Pechstein of Germany competes in the women's 5,000-meter speedskating race Wednesday at the Adler Arena Skating Center in Sochi, Russia. Pechstein finished fifth in the event.

## Speedskating

# Pechstein leaves empty-handed

By RAF CASERT  
The Chicago Press

SOCHI, Russia — In the end, Claudia Pechstein walked away from her sixth Olympics with only a small distinction. No medal, no records, no revenge.

"Again, I was the best German. The old one must do it again," the 41-year-old said. Yet that shred of satisfaction felt far short of her expectations.

The 5,000 meters has been her signature race ever since she won her first of three golds in the event at the Albertville Games 22 years ago.

She wanted to be back on the podium in Sochi. Instead, she finished fifth Wednesday, her famed stamina fading through another long-distance race on tough ice. She crossed the line slumped, but would not rule out trying again in four years.

"Why should this be the end?" she said rhetorically when asked if she might skate at the 2018 Pyeongchang Games in South Korea.

Exhaustion took over while Martina Sablikova of the Czech Republic celebrated her second straight gold over the distance. She won her first 5,000 gold when Pechstein was forced to sit out the Vancouver Olympics because of a hotly contested doping suspension.

A sense of injustice has driven the German veteran ever since.

Pechstein was banned not based on a positive doping test, but a suspicious blood profile which she says is genetic. She said repeatedly she wanted to mount the medal stand in Sochi to show she had beaten the skating authorities.

With a total of nine medals overall she already had the most of all speedskaters and another gold would have matched Soviet skater Lidija Skoblikova's six.

Pechstein was still the best of a slumping, medal-less German team. She came closest to getting on the podium in the opening race when she finished fourth in the 3,000 meters. She may have made a tactical error by deciding to race the 1,500, where she finished 19th. Sablikova sat out the race to be better prepared on Wednesday.

Pechstein blamed the track — "Not my kind of ice. Dutch ice," she said, referring to the record performance of the Netherlands, which has won 21 of 30 medals so far.

It was not to be. "It was a dream, but not every dream comes through," she said.

Still, an hour after the race, she was already dreaming again. "That 10th medal in 2018 in Pyeongchang is still possible," she said.

## OLYMPICS

# Skier: Silver, bronze medals won by France

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the first run but had the fastest second leg to finish second, 0.48 behind. Alexis Pinturault, another Frenchman and one of Ligety's chief rivals over the past few seasons, was third, 0.64 behind.

Overall World Cup leader Marcel Hirscher of Austria finished fourth for the second consecutive Olympics in this event, 0.94 back, but will be the favorite for Saturday's slalom.

Ligety's first gold came in combined at the 2006 Turin Games as a 21-year-old — before he had ever won a World Cup race. At the 2010 Vancouver Games, though, he failed to win a medal.

So this was a career-defining moment.

Ligety was also a favorite in super-combined but finished 12th. Then he was an even more disappointing 14th in super-G last weekend.

"I knew I was the favorite coming into today and having struggled in Vancouver, having been a little bit of a lackluster Olympics so far up until today, I knew there was a lot of pressure on today and I really wanted to perform and ski the way I knew that I could ski," Ligety said. "To be able to perform and do what I wanted to do on skis and have it equal a gold medal is truly awesome."

The only other American to win two Olympic golds in Alpine skiing was Andrea Mead Lawrence, who took both the women's slalom and giant slalom at the 1952 Oslo Games.

"To be able to be up there with some of the greats is really an honor," said Ligety, who is from Park City, Utah.

Four other American men — Bode Miller, Phil Mahre, Tommy Moe and Bill Johnson — have won one Olympic gold.

Ligety celebrated by twirling around in the finish area while still on his skis. The crowd realized he had won even before he crossed the line, and showered him with applause for the last few gates.

Ligety had such a large lead after the opening run — 0.93 seconds — that he could afford to

ease up a bit on his second trip down and he was only 14th fastest in the afternoon leg.

But that was more than enough to give the U.S. its first gold in Alpine skiing of the Sochi Games.

Conditions were perfect, with the temperature hovering near the freezing level and skies partly cloudy.

In both runs, Ligety showed off his unparalleled technique of arcing turns, leaning down and touching the snow with his hips, gloves and thighs at every opportunity to get the best angles. Other skiers displayed sharper turns but Ligety's were far more fluid.

"Ted goes so round that his turn is naturally a longer radius," said Miller, who finished 20th in what he said was his final race in Sochi. "He generates more speed and links one turn to the next and because he has so much space, he never pinches or gets in trouble because he's always way far from the gate."

Miller will skip the last Alpine race, the slalom, after tweaking his surgically repaired left knee during the giant slalom. He finished with a two-run time of 2 minutes, 47.82 seconds, more than 2½ seconds slower than Ligety.

Ligety won nine of 14 World Cup giant slalom races this season and last season. He took gold in GS at the last two world championships and won the season-long World Cup title in the discipline four of the last six years.

At last year's worlds in Schladming, Austria, Ligety also won gold in super-G and super-combined, making him the first man with at least three golds at a worlds since Jean Claude Killy earned four back in 1968.

At 29, Missillier had not achieved that much in his career. His only podium result on the World Cup circuit was a third-place finish in a slalom on home snow in Val d'Isère in December 2010.

After Ligety and Hirscher, Pinturault has been among the best GS skiers over the past four seasons, compiling one win and nine podium results.



WONG MAYE-E/AP

Canada's Jill Officer releases the rock during a women's semifinal game against Britain in Sochi, Russia.

## Curling roundup

# Repeat: Canada to face Sweden in women's final

The Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — Canada and Sweden will play for the gold medal in women's curling for the second straight Olympic Games after winning semifinals that each went to the final shot on Wednesday.

The Canadians stole a point in the second end and never surrendered their grip in a 6-4 win over world champion Britain, keeping Jennifer Jones' rink unbeaten in Sochi.

Sweden stayed on course for a third successive gold medal by beating Switzerland 7-5. Swiss skip Mirjam Ott was heavy with a draw shot for two points on her last rock that would have won her team the game.

Canada will be considered the favorite for Thursday's final after going through the round-robin stage undefeated with nine wins — an unprecedented feat in women's Olympic curling.

"It's the game you have dreamed of for your entire life," said Jones, who has been wearing eye shadow with a gold hue throughout the tournament.

Canada beat the Swedes 9-3 in the round robin but lost 7-6 in the 2010 final in Vancouver, when both teams had different skips.

Britain will play Switzerland for the bronze medal.

Canada has seemed the most assured team in Sochi under the captaincy of Jones, a 39-year-old lawyer who has been her country's top female curler for the past decade and is making the most of her first Olympic appearance.

Jones took control early against a British team that started poorly. Vice skip Anna Sloan slipped before moving to sweep a shot and Muirhead got a "pick-up" off the ice and missed a simple takeout, allowing Canada to go up 2-0.

Muirhead then missed a back-weight double takeout to allow Canada a steal in the second end.

Jones' team went ahead 3-0 and never looked back.

In the eighth, the usually reserved Jones pumped her fists after making a pressurized double takeout to ensure the end was blanked, leaving Canada 5-3 in the lead.

Muirhead could only draw to the button for one point in the ninth and the British needed a steal at the last. They couldn't do it.

The Canadians jumped up and down in a circle and their players threw both fists in the air. Sloan was tearful after coming off the ice.

There was never more than a point separating Sweden and Switzerland until Ott's bold last rock sailed past another of her own stones in the house as she tried to make a split for two points.

Sweden's celebrations were similar to those of the Canadians, their players linking arms in sheer joy.

"It was a really exciting, close game and it's just great, great happiness," Sweden skip Margaretha Sigfridsson said.

## Men

Canada maintained its grip on the men's curling title by beating China 10-6 in the semifinals on Wednesday, setting up a gold-medal game against Britain.

The British defeated Sweden 6-5, sealing victory with a two-point last rock. Britain now is assured of its first medal in men's curling since the sport returned to the Olympic program in 1998.

China finally fulfilled its rich potential by reaching the playoffs but was put in its place by Brad Jacobs' rink, which is looking to secure curling-mad Canada's third straight gold.

Tied at 4-4 after six ends, a tight game was split open by a mistake for China skip Liu Rui in the seventh that let in Jacobs for three points.

The final will be played Friday.



GERO BRELOER/AP

The United States' Ted Ligety celebrates after crossing the finish line and winning the gold medal Wednesday in the men's giant slalom at Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.

## OLYMPICS

## Men's hockey roundup

## US dominates in win over Czechs

## Three goals in first period sends US into semifinals against Canada

The Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — Dustin Brown banged in a go-ahead goal late in the first period and the United States went on to dominate the Czech Republic 5-2 Wednesday, earning a spot in the Olympic hockey semifinals for the second straight time.

The U.S. will play Canada on Friday for a spot in the gold-medal game. The Canadians beat Latvia 2-1.

James van Riemsdyk gave the Americans a lead 1:39 into the game.

When lost it a few minutes later when one of their defensemen, Ryan McDonagh, tried to clear the puck away from the front of the crease and it went off the left skate of Ryan Suter and got past Jonathan Quick.

The Czechs were not as successful scoring on their own against Quick, who started ahead of 2010 silver-medal winning goaltender Ryan Miller.

Ales Hensky was credited with a goal that two Americans touched after he did. Hensky legitimately scored his second one, skating to the slot and snapping off a wrist shot that got past Quick's blocker

with 7 minutes left in the game.

Brown put the U.S. up 2-1 at the 14:38 mark of the first, and David Backes made it 3-1 with 1.8 seconds in the period.

Zach Parise piled on, pushing the Americans' lead to 4-1 midway through the second period to chase goalie Ondrej Pavelec after he made just eight saves. He was replaced by Alexander Salak.

The Americans shaped their roster with players who skate fast, hit hard, share the puck and score.

The U.S. has been tested only once in a 3-2, eight-round shootout against the host Russians in the preliminary round. The Americans have crushed the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Slovenia by a combined score of 17-4.

**Canada 2, Latvia 1:** Shea Weber scored a tiebreaking power-play goal with 6:54 to play, and Canada survived an enormous scare from Latvia to advance to the Olympic men's hockey semifinals with a victory.

Carey Price made 15 saves for the defending Olympic champion Canadians, who were stretched to the limit by Latvia goalie Kristers Gudlevskis.

The 21-year-old Tampa Bay



BRIAN SHYDER/AP

**United States Forward David Backes reacts as teammate Zach Parise scores a goal on Czech Republic goaltender Ondrej Pavelec in the second period of their quarterfinal game Wednesday at Shayba Arena in Sochi, Russia. The U.S. won 5-2 and advances to the semifinals against Canada.**

Lightning prospect made 55 saves in a spectacular performance, nearly pulling one of the biggest upsets in hockey history largely by himself.

But Weber unleashed his peerless slap shot late in a power play, and Canada finally took the lead on its 54th shot against Gudlevskis.

**Finland 3, Russia 1:** Finland eliminated Russia from the Olympic men's hockey tournament, putting a stunning end to the Russians' enormous expectations at home.

Teemu Selanne scored an early goal and Tuukka Rask made 37 saves as Finland crushed the Russians' dreams of winning hockey gold in front of their own

fans. Russian teams have won eight gold medals in hockey, but none in the last 22 years.

Selanne and Mikael Granlund each had a goal and an assist for the steady Finns, who overcame an early deficit and silenced the Bolshoy Ice Dome with two goals in the first period.

Alex Ovechkin, the reigning NHL MVP and one of the Sochi Games' most public faces, failed to score another goal for Russia after scoring on his first shot just 1:17 into Russia's opener against Slovenia.

Malkin, the Russians' other former NHL MVP, also didn't score a goal after the first four minutes of the opener.

Semyon Varlamov allowed all

three goals on 15 shots against the Finns before getting pulled for Sergei Bobrovsky during the second period.

**Sweden 5, Slovenia 0:** Henrik Lundqvist made 19 saves for his second shutout of the Sochi Games and Carl Hagelin scored twice, helping Sweden rout upstart Slovenia to advance into Olympic hockey semifinals.

The short-handed Swedes ended a feel-good story, eliminating Slovenia in its first Olympic hockey tournament.

Alexander Steen broke a scoreless tie 18:50 into the game. After a scoreless second, Daniel Sedin, Loui Eriksson and Hagelin broke the game open with four goals in the third period.

## Women's hockey

## Gold medal on line for USA, Canada

By JIMMY GOLEN  
The Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — After losing to Canada in the preliminary round, the United States women's hockey team gathered for a film session that was lengthier and more pointed than any previous one the players could remember.

"Whenever film sessions run 30 minutes or longer, it's not the happiest moment," U.S. forward Monique Lamoureux said Wednesday after the team's last full practice before a rematch against Canada in the gold medal game. "I got called out, and a lot of people did. We took it to heart."

"After that, we felt a lot better because we know we can do better and we will do better."

The United States and Canada will meet in the women's hockey gold medal game Thursday for the fourth time in five Olympics. Canada holds a 2-1 edge over the Americans in Olympic championship games, and it also beat them 3-2 in a preliminary round last week that the U.S. players took as a warning.

"They were disappointed, as anyone would be," coach Katey Stone said. "There were a few kids that we were able to work out."

The U.S. recovered for a 6-1 victory over Sweden in the semifinal to set up the expected gold medal rematch with Canada. The three-time defending Olympic champions beat Switzerland

**"I don't get nervous. It's just another game. ... Everything is the same, other than it's for the gold medal."**

Jocelyne Larocque  
Team Canada defenseman

3-1 and have a chance to earn their fourth gold medal in the five Olympics since women's hockey was added to the Winter Games in 1998.

Canada forward Marie-Philip Poulin said the team feels pressure to win but "it's a good pressure."

"We have a lot of support in Canada," she said. "So we'll be ready."

The teams moved from the temporary Shayba Arena to the larger Bolshoy Ice Dome next door for their final workouts Wednesday. Canada went first on the practice rink inside the 12,000-seat Ice Dome, where Sweden and Switzerland will play for the bronze medal Thursday afternoon before the championship.

Canada has never missed a women's hockey final. The only time the United States didn't join them there was in 2006, when the Americans lost in a semifinal shootout to Sweden.

"I don't get nervous. It's just another game," said Canada defenseman Jocelyne Larocque, who was one of the last players cut before the Vancouver Games four years ago. "You just focus on the present and not try to think like it's bigger than it really is."

The puck, the rink, the clock are all just like they always are.

"Everything is the same, other than it's for an Olympic gold medal," she said.

**USA's Brianna Decker had a goal and two assists in the 6-1 semifinal win over Sweden on Monday. The US plays Canada for gold on Thursday.**

MATT SLOCUM/AP



## OLYMPICS

# US expat wins Russian gold

## American native Wild tops wife's bronze in parallel giant slalom

By WILL GRAVES  
The Associated Press

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — Vic Wild and wife Alena Zavarzina have some new jewelry to go with their wedding rings: Olympic medals.

Wild rolled to victory in men's snowboarding parallel giant slalom on Wednesday, ripping past Nevín Galmairini in the second run of the finals to win gold for his adopted country of Russia. Zan Kosir of Slovenia took the bronze.

Wild's triumph came just minutes after his wife raced to bronze in the women's event.

"It's incredible to win it along with Alena," Wild said. "We're together all the time. If one of us has success and one of us doesn't, it's great — but it's not that great. For us to have success, it's truly incredible. I don't know how this

happened. It's too good to be true."

Patrizia Kummer gave Switzerland its sixth gold medal in Sochi when Japan's Tomoka Takeuchi lost an edge halfway through the second run of the women's final. The silver for Takeuchi was the first ever for a Japanese rider in the event.

Zavarzina had little trouble in the consolation round, beating Ina Meschik of Austria by nearly a second for bronze.

Zavarzina sprinted to embrace her husband after he captured gold while a large, heavily pro-Russian crowd roared its appreciation. After the flower ceremony, Wild and his wife stood side by side holding a massive Russian flag and drinking in the moment. It capped a career revival for Wild, who grew up in White Salmon, Wash., but applied for Russian citizenship after marrying Zavar-

zina in Siberia in 2011. He joined the Russian snowboarding team and praised his new country for its investment in the sport that is snowboarding's answer to Alpine skiing.

Wild has repaid his new home in full. The 27-year-old placed third at last year's world championships and was easily the best on a challenging day at Rosa Khutor Extreme Park.

"This is what he worked for," Zavarzina said. "He went so far, so far from his hometown and he did an amazing job. He had to switch countries, switch nationalities and accept something that some would never accept."

The couple share a small apartment in Moscow — barely 300 square feet — but Wild has no split allegiances about who deserves credit for the medal he thought would never come while toiling away in a program that



ANDY WONG/AP

**Russia's Vic Wild, left, celebrates after winning the gold medal in the snowboard parallel giant slalom with his wife, Alena Zavarzina, who won the bronze in the women's competition moments earlier.**

receives only a fraction of the support given to other disciplines within the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association.

"Russia is the country that's given me the opportunity to win," Wild said. "If I was still riding for [the U.S.] I'd still be back home, with a mediocre job doing something mediocre. That's not what I

wanted to be."

Wild nearly washed out twice during the first finals run, barely holding on after it appeared his board was ready to tip over. Moving from the blue course to the seemingly faster red course for the second run, he overcame the 0.54-second deficit he faced with relative ease.

## Medals roundup

# Norway, Finland win cross-country team sprints

The Associated Press

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — Marit Bjørgen put an end to Norway's brief cross-country crisis by securing a dominant victory in the women's team sprint Wednesday. Finland then surprisingly ended its 16-year gold drought in the sport by winning the men's event.

Norway's victory was never in doubt after Bjørgen pulled away on the first of her three laps, and then grew the advantage to nine seconds by the end.

Finland had to wait an extra 35 minutes or so just to find out whether it could keep the gold after a German protest over a late fall that helped decide the men's final. Sami Jauhojaervi was able to pull ahead when Germany's Tim Tschernke fell right behind him after the final downhill section into the stadium and also tripped up Russia's Nikita Kriukov, who stayed on his legs but lost touch with the Finn.

Kriukov couldn't catch up and Russia had to settle for silver, while Sweden's Teodor Peterson overtook Tschernke to secure the bronze. That also gave Sweden's Emil Jonsson a second lucky bronze, after three rivals fell in front of him in the final of the individual event.

Germany ended up seventh and filed a protest that the International Ski Federation quickly rejected.

There was no such drama in the women's final, where Bjørgen helped make up for Norway's disastrous relays over the weekend, where it failed to get a medal in both the men's and women's events. That had caused widespread complaints from the skiers that the team's wax technicians



DMITRY LOVETSKY/AP

**Germany's Tim Tschernke, center, falls in front of Russia's Nikita Kriukov, right, after making contact with the skis of Finland's Sami Jauhojaervi, left, in the men's classical-style team sprint final on Wednesday.**

weren't finding the right setup for the warm conditions in Sochi.

There were no signs of those problems on Wednesday, at least not in the women's race. Bjørgen's teammate Ingvild Flugstad Østberg comfortably helped maintain the Norwegian lead on her laps and earned her first gold to go with a silver from the individual sprint. Bjørgen ended her own mini-medal drought, having gone without one since winning the opening 15-kilometer skiathlon on Feb. 8.

Norway finished 9.09 seconds ahead of Finland, which took silver. Sweden took bronze after Stina Nilsson won a sprint against Germany's Denise Herrmann.

## Speedskating

SOCHI, Russia — No Dutch sweep this time. Martina Sablikova saw to that.

Sablikova defended her Olympic speedskating title in the women's 5,000 meters, knocking the Netherlands off the top step of the medal podium. The 26-year-old from the Czech Republic set a track record at Adler Arena with a time of 6 minutes, 51.54 seconds.

It's not like the Dutch didn't show up.

They added two more medals to their record haul, as Ireen Wust took the silver in 6:54.28, while 35-year-old mother Carlen Kleibeuker grabbed the bronze.

It was Wust's fourth medal of the Sochi Games, added to a gold in the 3,000 and silvers in the 1,000 and 1,500.

Racing against Sablikova in the seventh of eight pairs, Wust knew she had to push the pace early and hope to hang on. She built a sizeable lead but began to fade just past the midway point.

Sablikova went right on by — and never slowed up.

The standings were a reversal of the 3,000, when Wust beat Sablikova to deny the Czech skater a shot at repeating as a double gold medalist in the two longest women's events. But Sablikova was determined to hang on to her title in the 5,000, even dropping the 1,500 — an event she won bronze in four years ago — to focus her preparation fully on the final individual speedskating race of these games.

The strategy paid off with another gold.

The Dutch speedskaters have now won 21 medals overall, more than every country in Sochi except Russia and the United States. They have swept the top three spots in four events and will be big favorites to close the Olympics with two more golds in the team pursuit races, which would

mean a fifth medal for Wust at these games.

Forty-one-year-old Claudia Pechstein of Germany was denied again in her quest for a 10th career medal. She finished fifth, missing the podium by less than 3 seconds.

The lone American in the race, three-time Olympian Maria Lamb of River Falls, Wis., was last among the 16 skaters, more than 38 seconds off Sablikova's winning time. The U.S. team has yet to win a medal in Sochi.

## Biathlon

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — In a fitting way to mark to become the most decorated Winter Olympic ever, Ole Einar Bjørndalen ensured his record 13th medal was gold Wednesday when he helped Norway win the first Olympic mixed relay in biathlon.

Bjørndalen broke the total medals record he previously shared with retired cross-country skiing great Bjørn Dæhlie, and also matched fellow Norwegian's mark of eight golds. Bjørndalen won gold earlier in Sochi in the men's sprint biathlon.

Dæhlie won eight gold, four silver, and no bronze medals; Bjørndalen's haul is now 8-4-1.

The 40-year-old Bjørndalen can win another medal in the last men's biathlon event in Sochi, the 4x7.5K relay on Saturday.

In the mixed relay, Tora Berger faulted twice, but Tiril Eckhoff, Bjørndalen and Emil Hegle Svendsen all shot cleanly for Norway. They finished in 1 hour, 9 minutes and 17 seconds.

Czech Republic was 32.6 seconds behind to win silver, and Italy came in 58.2 seconds behind to take bronze.

## OLYMPICS

## Canada rallies to win women's bobsled

Americans settle for silver, bronze

By TIM REYNOLDS  
The Associated Press

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — Kaillie Humphries and Heather Moyse had a simple approach heading into the final two runs of the women's bobsled competition at the Sochi Olympics.

Going as fast as they could, they figured, would be enough.

Oh, how right they were. Again.

The Canadians won their second straight gold medal in women's Olympic bobsled, rallying in the final two heats Wednesday night to beat the American duo of Elana Meyers and Lauryn Williams in USA-1 by 0.10 seconds. Humphries and Moyse finished a full second ahead of Jamie Greubel and Aja Evans in USA-2, the bronze winners.

Humphries was the World Cup champion this season, edging Meyers by one point.

For the Americans, there was plenty of history to savor. It was the first time two U.S. women's bobsleds medaled at the Olympics. Meyers became the first American woman with two bobsled medals. And Williams — whose entire bobsled career spans about six months — is now the fifth Olympian to medal in different events at the Summer and Winter Games.

She has a gold medal from the 4x100-meter relay in the London Olympics in 2012, as well as a silver from the 100 meters at the Athens Games eight years earlier.

And Williams hardly seemed

dissatisfied with silver in Sochi. When it was over, she wrapped herself in an American flag, jumped up and down and she and Meyers — a bronze medalist as a push athlete four years ago — smiled broadly.

Entering the second night of competition, Humphries and Moyse said the margin between first and second was irrelevant. The way they saw it, knowing time differences wouldn't allow themselves to will the sled to move any more quickly.

So they just focused on themselves.

The Americans gave them some help.

Meyers was first off the hill in the third run and a couple big mistakes — a bang into the wall here, a skid in a straightaway there — cost her time and opened the door.

Humphries and Moyse responded. The U.S. lead had been 0.23 seconds; after Canada-1's third run, the margin was more than cut in half to 0.11 seconds.

All that was a wrap entering the final heat was the bronze, with Greubel and Evans 0.76 seconds away from second place entering Run 4, but with a cushion of 0.64 seconds between themselves and fourth.

Put simply, they needed only to stay upright to win bronze. When they did that, the first to reach them to jump up and down and start the congratulatory party were Lolo Jones and Jazmine Fenlator. The USA-3 team, part of the "wolfpack" the women's team had described themselves as repeatedly in recent weeks.



MICHAEL SORN/AP

The Canadian team of Kaillie Humphries, front, and Heather Moyse, cross into the finish area Wednesday to win the gold medal in the women's bobsled competition at Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.

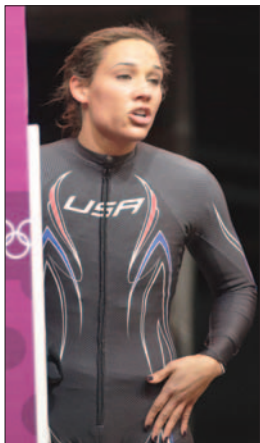
With that, the race was on for gold.

Humphries threw down a sizzling 57.92 in the fourth run to put the pressure on USA-1. And moments later, Meyers had another early skid in her final trip down the track, essentially deciding the gold.

For Jones, it was not the Olympics she dreamed about. Her third trip to the games — the first two as a hurdler, in Beijing and London — also ended without a medal, as she and Fenlator finished 11th in USA-3.

Jones clipped a hurdle to lose what would have been gold in Bei-

jing and fought through injury to finish fourth in London, finding both results difficult to accept. At these games, going home without a medal was hardly her fault, as the push times for USA-3 — which was not expected to be in medal contention — were hardly the problem.



JAC C. HONG/AP

Lolo Jones, the brakeman for USA-3, has come under fire from U.S. bobsledder Chuck Berkeley, who says she was chosen for the team as a media selection.

## US slider calls selections 'corrupt'

By TIM REYNOLDS  
The Associated Press

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — A U.S. bobsledder who was not chosen for the Sochi Games calls the selection process "corrupt" and questions why Lolo Jones received a spot on the women's Olympic roster.

Chuck Berkeley, who made the 2010 Vancouver Games team and was on the World Cup roster this season, said the teams for Sochi were chosen based largely on an athlete's popularity. He added that some sliders were favored over others with better credentials and that the USA-3 women's sled Jones is pushing at the Olympics would fare better with someone else in her spot.

"I get that people want to latch on to a media sensation and run wild," Berkeley told The Associated Press, referring to Jones. "But it comes down to this: There are athletes who deserve to be there who are not there, on the women's and the men's sides. And you have to ask yourself why is that the case. What is wrong with the selection process? Why is it flawed? Why is it corrupt?"

After hearing of Berkeley's remarks, U.S. Bobsled and Skeleton Federation CEO Darrin Steele told AP on Wednesday that

he stands by the team selections. He also noted how certain athletes who did not get picked for Olympic spots, like Katie Eberling, were able to accept roles as alternates and help the team in Sochi.

Eberling's omission was pointed out in a tweet by Berkeley on Tuesday night, where he said that the USA-3 sled would be better if she was in the second seat. Berkeley did not mention Jones in that tweet, though the jab toward Jones — always a lightning rod for critics — was thinly veiled at best.

"From my personal experience with Lolo, she's had a very bad attitude," Berkeley said.

He tweeted that he hoped the "marketing dollars" were worth the decision to put Jones on the Olympic team, though later clarified to AP that he thinks the attention the two-time Summer Olympian has brought bobsledding is a good thing.

U.S. officials have said that Jones' inclusion in the Olympic roster has not led to any sponsorship opportunities for the federation.

"The men's and women's teams, we kept our distance from each other this year because of Lolo Jones," Berkeley said in an interview hours after the initial tweet. "For no other reason. We like everybody else. It was because of Lolo Jones."

Berkeley also had harsh words for U.S. coaches, calling them "complete idiots" without referring to any by name.

Berkeley, a push athlete, said he thought he should have made the Sochi team, and he does not plan on sliding again for the U.S. unless the federation makes major changes in leadership and coaching.

"I'll just say this: Cory Butner has never won a World Cup medal in his entire career as a driver without me in the back of his two-man sled, ever," Berkeley said. "So how does Chuck Berkeley stay home when that's the case? It's just weird. I've won medals before Cory Butner in two-man. It's strange to me that certain individuals who don't meet all the criteria points ... but someone else is going to go over you. At what point is the USBSF held accountable?"

Butner raced in the two-man competition at Sochi with Chris Fogt, the reigning U.S. push champion, in the back of his sled. They finished 12th.

**"From my personal experience with Lolo, she's had a very bad attitude."**

Chuck Berkeley  
US bobsledder

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## WINTER OLYMPICS

## Ligety split



ALESSANDRO TROVATI, ABOVE; GERO BRELOER, BELOW/AP

Ted Ligety earned the United States' first Alpine skiing gold medal of the Sochi Games on Wednesday when he won the men's giant slalom in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.

US skier earns  
2nd career gold

BY ANDREW DAMPP  
The Associated Press

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — Ted Ligety has created his own, unique way of skiing. And now, he's in pretty elite company.

Carving turns like nobody else, Ligety established a huge first-run lead and then comfortably held on to win the giant slalom at the Sochi Games on Wednesday, becoming the first American man to win two Olympic gold medals in Alpine skiing.

"To be able to throw it down in the event I had the most pressure in, and the event I was the favorite in — to be able to do that is awesome," Ligety said. "This was really the event that I wanted to win. ... I know where I stand in giant slalom."

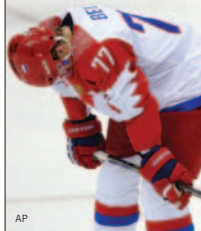
Ligety won in a two-leg combined time of 2 minutes, 45.29 seconds.

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